

WIRRAL ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

England & Wales · Charity number 1068306

Details

Other names	WIRRAL ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK, WIRRAL GREEN ALLIANCE, WIRRAL LA21 NETWORK
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03462312
Registered	1998-02-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT AND ABOUT THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£63,295	£59,688	-	-
2024-03-31	£45,386	£49,249	-	-
2023-03-31	£50,008	£47,245	-	-
2022-03-31	£75,236	£58,364	-	-
2021-03-31	£61,447	£47,620	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ann Louise Phillips		2026-04-15
Anne Patricia Litherland		2022-12-14
Claire Elizabeth Shields		2024-12-08
David Martin Brown		2022-12-14
Dominic Charles Griffiths		2022-12-14
Karen Linda Birch		2026-01-31

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Accounts

Wirral Environmental Network

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2025

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"Working to reduce Wirral's Carbon Footprint"

Wirral Environmental Network

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees & Directors

D Brown

D Jones (Chair)

A Litherland

D Griffiths

C Rathe

C Shields

B Shoebridge

D Pye, Company Secretary

Other Officers

N Graham, Office Manager

P McHoul, Finance manager

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The Trustees review WEN's aims, objectives and activities at a planning workshop each year to ensure that we remain focused and have given due regard to public benefit when planning the charity's activities.

Achievements and performance

This year, WEN has strengthened its role as a hub for environmental learning and action, expanding community engagement, membership, and impact. At our Seacombe-based Environmental Hub, we've enhanced facilities with a new craft gift shop, woodwork workshop, and expanded hireable spaces.

Despite setbacks like storm damage to our polytunnel, our team and volunteers ensured swift recovery and continued improvements, including new garden seating and a second polytunnel.

We delivered a rich programme of environmental education, from gardening and biodiversity workshops to creative sessions like willow weaving and wreath-making. We welcomed diverse groups—from Wirral Met College students to eco-school teachers—and hosted events for Big Green Week, City Nature Challenge, and Wirral Walking Festival. Our training extended to topics like climate change, composting, and upcycling, reaching new audiences and organisations such as Wirral Mencap.

Our Big Green List now includes over 420 local eco-groups, and our digital reach continues to grow, with Facebook content viewed over 30,000 times monthly. Projects like Clothes Swap Cafés and biodiversity improvements, supported by grants, have empowered communities to take sustainable action. We're also developing an 'eco-tool' library for schools and groups.

None of this would be possible without our incredible volunteers and members, whose dedication fuels our mission. We're proud to collaborate with over 30 community partners and supporters across the Wirral and beyond.

Year on year income has increased, partly due to significant increases in grants and donations. The expectation is that next year there will continue to be an increase in regular income and another year-on-year increase in delivering environment education and activity.

Plans for future periods:

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Risk management

The following risk areas have been identified as key to the organisation:

- Insolvency
- Loss of key staff
- Inadequate Governance
- Fail to meet Charity aims / scope creep
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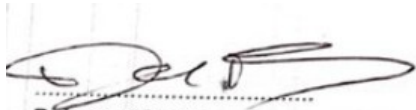
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Signed on behalf of the WEN Trustees by:



D Jones (Chair)
Trustee & Director

23rd November 2025, Company Registration Number: 3462312

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the Wirral Environmental Network (WEN)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended the 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income did not exceed £250,000 your examiner need not be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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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22 November 2025

(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

Balance Sheet 31st March 2025				2025	2024
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets		Note 7			
Investments				6,561	6,345
Investments revaluation				108	216
				6,669	6,561
Current assets					
Debtors					
Cash at bank and in hand				57,636	54,030
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		Note 8			
Net current assets				57,636	54,030
Net assets				64,305	60,591
Funds of the charity					
Restricted		Note 9		30,528	33,344
Unrestricted		Note 9		33,778	27,247
Total funds				£64,306	£60,591

For the financial year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' 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 directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 9 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 23 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



D Jones (Chair)
Trustee & Director

23rd November 2025, Company Registration Number: 3462312

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2025

1.	ACCOUNTING POLICIES				
(a)	Basis of preparation of financial statements				
	The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Statement of recommended practise "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2006), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006				
(b)	Income				
	Voluntary income and donations are included in income when they are receivable, except when donors specify they must be used in future accounting periods, then the income is deferred . The income from fundraising is shown gross. Grant income is provided and may relate to specific projects.				
(c)	Expenditure				
	Are included in the Statement of Financial activities on an accrual basis inclusive of VAT Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included.				
(d)	Tangible fixed assets				
	Are stated at cost less depreciation				
	depreciation is provided at rates listed below				
	Computers	25%		Straight line	
	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	15%		Straight line	
	Motor vehicle	20%		Straight line	
	(Above rates are historic see Note 7)				
(e)	Expenditure on Management of the Charity				
	Includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activity or fundraising				
	Includes rent and office expenditure, salaries for administration and accountancy.				
2.	DIRECTORS				
	As a charity the directors and trustees received no emoluments nor reimbursement of expenses for the year ended 31 March	2025			

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2025

3.	INCOME			24-25 Restri	24-25 Unrestrict	24-25 Total	2024
	Bank Interest				378	378	58
	Centre Support				0	0	0
	Donations			110	8,064	8,174	952
	Grants			34,053	0	34,053	28,457
	Events & Sales			0	5,809	5,809	5,242
	Membership				972	972	540
	Other Income			500	8,305	8,805	5,844
	Room & Contr Hire			0	1,919	1,919	1,590
							0
	Admin, Shrs, SLA's & Cash			265	2,921	3,186	2,703
							0
	Total Income			34,928	28,367	63,295	45,386
	EXPENDITURE						
	Environmental Education		3	27,900	19,471	47,370	44,839
	Management of the Charity		4	9,845	2,473	12,318	4,410
	Total Expenditure			37,744	21,944	59,688	49,249
	NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR			-2,816	6,423	3,607	-3,863
	Change in shares value		Note 7		108	108	216
	Balance brought forward			33,344	27,247	60,591	64,238
	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD			30,528	33,778	64,306	60,591

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Year Ended 31 March 2025

3 ctd	ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION		24-25 Restri	24-25 Unrestricted	2025	2024
					£	£
	Project Materials		1,186	1,078	2,264	1,474
	Printing & Postage		0	545	545	436
	Premises			4,675	4,675	5,100
	Training & Events		1,245	221	1,466	101
	Salaries & Contractors		15,922	12,291	28,213	22,252
	Telephone			390	390	486
	Kirkwood Grants		0		0	14,991
	Project Delivery		9,547	270	9,817	0
			27,900	19,471	47,370	44,389
4	MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHARITY					
			Restricted	Unrestricted	2025	2024
					£	£
	Admin		2,901	770	3,671	2,843
	Office & Other Expenses		6,944	1,703	8,647	1,567
	Depreciation & refund				0	0
	Provision for potential unpaid electricity costs			2,856	2,856	0
			9,845	2,473	12,318	4,410

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Year Ended 31 March 2025

5. NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		2025	2024
Stated after charging:-		£	£
Depreciation	0		
6. TAXATION			
As a charity the company is exempt from corporation tax.			
7 FIXED ASSETS & DEPRECIATION			
Although project material purchase is high, the materials are not assets. Equipment and materials acquired belong to the project beneficiaries.			
At the previous year end all assets including computers, fixtures, equipment and the motor vehicle had been fully depreciated to a value of nil. Several of the older computers, monitors and furniture were also scrapped during the internal move.			
	2025	2024	
Tridos Shares valuation at year end	6,561	6,345	
Revaluation difference	108	216	
Total Valuation	6,669	6,561	
8 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year.	2025	2024	
	£	£	
Unpresented cheques	0	0	
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
9. FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	2025	2024	
consisting of:			
Restricted (Grants)	40,074	33,344	
Unrestricted	34,048	27,247	
	<u>74,122</u>	<u>60,591</u>	
10. GUARANTEE			
The company is limited by guarantee whereby every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of winding up while they are a member or within one year after they ceased to be a member, such amounts as may be required not exceeding one pound.			
At 31 March 2025 there were 100 individual members and 31 group members.			
11. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS			
None.			
12 ADMIN			
Admin was formerly included in 'Office and Other Expenses'			

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2025

13 RESTRICTED FUNDS						
		Balance at	Income	Expenditure	Balance at	
		01 April 2024			31 March 2025	
		£	£	£	£	
	Cool Communities	1,650	0	975	675	
	Climate Champions (CCCT)	11,707	10,652	17,792	4,567	
	CSAFE (Clothes Swap Café)	0	6,301	4,258	2,043	
	Community Voluntary & Faith Fund	3,674	0	0	3,674	
	Green Grants	0	1,690	1,690	0	
	Green Hub	47	375	43	378	
	Kirkwood Grant (Dibbinsdale and Schools)	9,348	0	145	9,203	
	Learning in Deprived Communities	5,931	2,450	8,381	0	
	Liscard Popup	707	0	707	0	
	PNTBC (Postcode Neighbourhood Trust)	0	11,000	1,013	9,988	
	SEED	281	0	281	0	
	THRIVE Garden Party	0	2,460	2,460	0	
		33,344	34,928	37,744	30,528	
14 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
		Balance at	Income	Expenditure	Gains/Losses	Balance at
		01 April 2024				31 March 2025
		£	£	£	£	£
	General Fund	27,247	28,367	21,674	108	34,048
15 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS						
		Restricted	Unrestricted		Total	
		£	£		£	
	Investments	0	6,669		6,669	
	Current Assets	40,074	27,379		67,453	
		40,074	34,048		74,122	

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Achievements and performance

WEN continues to empower individuals, communities and organisations with the knowledge and skills they need to protect our planet for future generations.

In 2023, our work to raise awareness about the environment and natural resource conservation has made a meaningful impact within the Wirral and surrounding areas.

This year, we have deepened our outreach and educational initiatives, providing resources and support for residents and businesses in Wirral to make more sustainable choices in their daily lives. From local schools and community groups to local authorities and eco-conscious businesses, we have seen growing interest and action in adopting environmentally friendly practices.

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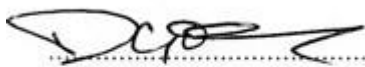
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22 November 2024

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	2024	2023
Income & endowments from:				£	£
Donations & legacies		50	1,442	1,492	21,411
Trading & other activities		5,030	6,057	11,087	5,702
Charitable activities		28,057	4,693	32,749	22,888
Investment income					
Other income		0	58	58	7
Total Income		33,136	12,250	45,386	50,008
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		27,781	17,058	44,839	40,178
Management of the charity		2,107	2,303	4,410	7,068
Total Expenditure		29,888	19,361	49,249	47,246
Net income /expenditure		3,248	(7,111)	(3,863)	2,762
Total funds brought forward		30,096	34,142	64,238	60,908
Net Gains/(Losses) on investments			216	216	567
Total funds carried forward		33,344	27,247	60,591	64,237
All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.					

Balance Sheet

31 March 2024

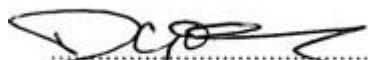
Balance Sheet 31st March 2024				2024	2023
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	Note 7				
Investments			6,345	5,778	
Investments revaluation			216	567	
			6,561	6,345	
Current assets					
Debtors					
Cash at bank and in hand			54,030	57,893	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	Note 8				
Net current assets			54,030	57,893	
Net assets			60,591	64,238	
Funds of the charity					
Restricted	Note 9		33,344	30,096	
Unrestricted	Note 9		27,247	34,142	
Total funds			£60,591	£64,238	

For the financial year ending 31 March 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' 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 directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime. The financial statements on pages 8 to 9 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 22 November 2024 and signed on that day and on their behalf by:



D Jones (Chair)
Trustee & Director

Company Registration Number: 3462312

Wirral Environmental Network

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2024

1.	ACCOUNTING POLICIES				
(a)	Basis of preparation of financial statements				
	The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Statement of recommended practise "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2006), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006				
(b)	Income				
	Voluntary income and donations are included in income when they are receivable, except when donors specify they must be used in future accounting periods, then the income is deferred . The income from fundraising is shown gross. Grant income is provided and may relate to specific projects.				
(c)	Expenditure				
	Are included in the Statement of Financial activities on an accrual basis inclusive of VAT Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included.				
(d)	Tangible fixed assets				
	Are stated at cost less depreciation				
	depreciation is provided at rates listed below				
	Computers	25%		Straight line	
	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	15%		Straight line	
	Motor vehicle	20%		Straight line	
	(Above rates are historic see Note 7)				
(e)	Expenditure on Management of the Charity				
	Includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activity or fundraising				
	Includes rent and office expenditure, salaries for administration and accountancy.				
2.	DIRECTORS				
	As a charity the directors and trustees received no emoluments nor reimbursement of expenses for the year ended 31 March	2024			

Wirral Environmental Network

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2024

3.	INCOME			23-24 Restri	23-24 Unrestrictec	23-24 Total	2023
	Bank Interest				58	58	7
	Centre Support				0	0	117
	Donations			50	902	952	20,688
	Grants			28,057	400	28,457	15,670
	Events & Sales			0	5,242	5,242	4,355
	Membership				540	540	606
	Other Income			5,030	815	5,844	1,347
	Room & Contr Hire			0	1,590	1,590	2,384
	Admin, Shrs, SLA's & Cash				2,703	2,703	4,834
	Total Income			33,136	12,250	45,386	50,008
	EXPENDITURE						
	Environmental Education		3	27,781	17,058	44,839	40,178
	Management of the Charity		4	2,107	2,303	4,410	7,068
	Total Expenditure			29,888	19,361	49,249	47,245
	NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR			3,248	-7,111	-3,863	2,763
	Change in shares value		Note 7		216	216	567
	Balance brought forward			30,096	34,142	64,238	60,908
	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD			33,344	27,247	60,591	64,238

3 ctd	ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION			23-24 Restri	23-24 Unrestrictec	2024	2023
						£	£
	Project Materials			367	1,107	1,474	3,400
	Printing & Postage			10	426	436	898
	Prize Draw				0	0	151
	Premises				5,100	5,100	5,100
	Training & Events			30	71	101	155
	Salaries & Contractors			12,383	9,868	22,252	29,669
	Telephone				486	486	804
	Travel & Volunteers		now inc in Admin			0	0
	Kirkwood Grants			14,991		14,991	0
				27,781	17,058	44,839	40,178

4	MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHARITY			Restricted	Unrestricted	2024	2023
						£	£
	Admin			2,007	836	2,843	5,848
	Office & Other Expenses			100	1,467	1,567	1,220
	Depreciation & refund					0	0
				2,107	2,303	4,410	7,068

Wirral Environmental Network

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2024

5.	NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS					2024	2023
	Stated after charging:-					£	£
	Depreciation			0			
6.	TAXATION						
	As a charity the company is exempt from corporation tax.						
7	FIXED ASSETS & DEPRECIATION						
	Although project material purchase is high, the materials are not assets. Equipment and materials acquired belong to the project beneficiaries.						
	At the previous year end all assets including computers, fixtures, equipment and the motor vehicle had been fully depreciated to a value of nil. Several of the older computers, monitors and furniture were also scrapped during the internal move.						
						2024	2023
	Tridos Shares valuation at year end			6,345		5,778	
	Revaluation difference			216		567	
	Total Valuation			6,561		6,345	
8	CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year.					2024	2023
						£	£
	Unpresented cheques			0		0	
				0		0	
9.	FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					2024	2023
	consisting of:						
	Restricted (Grants)			33,344		30,096	
	Unrestricted			27,247		34,142	
				60,591		64,238	
10.	GUARANTEE						
	The company is limited by guarantee whereby every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of winding up while they are a member or within one year after they ceased to be a member, such amounts as may be required not exceeding one pound.						
	At 31 March 2024 there were 86 individual members and 31 group members.						
11.	CAPITAL COMMITMENTS						
	None.						
12	ADMIN						
	Admin was formerly included in 'Office and Other Expenses'						

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2024

13 RESTRICTED FUNDS						
		Balance at	Income	Expenditure	Balance at	
		01 April 2023			31 March 2024	
		£	£	£	£	
	Cool Communities	1,650	0	0	1,650	
	Climate Champions (CCCT)	0	12,632	925	11,707	
	Community Voluntary & Faith Fund	3,842	0	167	3,674	
	Green Hub	67	50	70	47	
	Hydroponics project	1,410	0	1,410	0	
	Kirkwood Grant (Dibbinsdale and Schools)	19,310	5,030	14,991	9,348	
	Learning in Deprived Communities	3,111	13,300	10,481	5,931	
	Liscard Popup	707	0	0	707	
	SEED	0	2,125	1,844	281	
		30,096	33,136	29,888	33,344	
14 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
		Balance at	Income	Expenditure	Gains/Losses	Balance at
		01 April 2023				31 March 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
	General Fund	34,142	12,250	19,361	216	27,247
15 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS						
		Restricted	Unrestricted		Total	
		£	£		£	
	Investments	0	6,561		6,561	
	Current Assets	33,344	20,686		54,030	
		33,344	27,247		60,591	

WIRRAL ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1068306

Accounts

Annual Review 2023



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Reg Charity 1068306 Reg Company 3462312
<https://wirralenvironmentalnetwork.org.uk>

Wirral Environmental Network is a non-profit, non-party political coalition of individuals, groups and organisations, working together for a more sustainable society and the respect for nature and the environment. The aim of the organisation is to advance the education of the public about the preservation of our world's natural environment, ecological sustainability, natural resource conservation, waste management, recycling, and the principles of Fairtrade within Wirral and the surrounding area.

Current activities: Lifelong learning, Learning In Deprived Communities, WEN Crafters, WEN Reclaimers, Falkland Road Organic Gardeners, Green Hub @ St James Garden, WEN Flower Arranging, Alleyways project, Aquaponics, Re-use & Recycling Projects, Cool Communities. E news & quarterly newsletter (Wirral Evergreen) - website - information service.

Trustees' report

With the ever-increasing news of climate breakdown and the huge impact it has on the natural environment and humankind it is increasingly important that we spread the word about the climate and biodiversity emergency and solutions.

On the Wirral, individuals, communities and organisations are joining together to make a difference.

With your help, word is getting out. Not just about the impact of increasing and more frequent extreme weather events such as heatwaves and flooding, that can be seen on the news daily. But about local solutions available and national changes that we need.

Wirral Environmental Network is speaking to more people, running more courses and workshops, attending more events and welcoming more people to our environmental hub.

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So please, become a climate champion. If you are reading this, we know you already care. Encourage your friends, neighbours, community spaces, workplaces to make a change, contact local, national and international organisations and your political representatives to tell them that the environment is important to you.

Follow us, support us, join us. Together we can make a difference.

Wirral Environmental Network Trustees.

Gardening and related projects

The WEN productive garden has again surpassed itself especially with the high number of unusual varieties of tomatoes we decided to grow this year which have been a great success and which we will be repeating again in 2024 and hoping to grow more unusual varieties vegetables in 2024.

The garden classes have been well attended. These include practical gardening, History of Gardening (new for September 2023), Growing Fruit, Vegetables and Salads (again new this September) A- Z of Gardening and the garden group.

We have run Lifelong Learning gardening based courses for a number of years now at WEN but have now ceased running them and instead are running a growing fruit, vegetable and herbs course. We have also been running learning in deprived community workshops and courses which Kenny will discuss.

The gardens (including propagating all plants for events) are still being looked after wonderfully by FROG and with their help, the craft group contribution with all their creative ideas and produce and ALL our volunteers (which is growing all the time) we have been able to put on two garden events this year – Christmas and early summer event and we have raised in excess of £5,000.00 for WEN which is amazing, it just gets better and better every year.

I would like to express a personal big thanks to all the people involved including the administration staff, who are making a huge difference to WEN, not just the huge monetary contribution towards our running costs, but all the other things that you all do that make anyone who comes feel welcome and wanted - you are what WEN is all about, WEN couldn't run without you and it is a pleasure and privileged to work with you ALL , thank you!

Carol Seery.

Falkland Road Organic Growers (FROG)

Judith reported that the weather in 2023 had caused a few growing problems with a hot drought in June followed by a wet July. However some crops had fared well, tomatoes peppers and grapes did well but potatoes were small. Beans of course grew well and brassicas helped the caterpillars!! The Spring Fair went well and was enjoyed by all. FROG helped with the plant sale but there was no tombola this year.

New members Arthur and Pamela were welcomed as experienced gardeners and now volunteer numbers are very good. Kenny is sorting out the small polytunnel so we can put seedling there next year but they will need to be labelled FROG.

Judith Anton – Chair FROG.

Environmental Education and Sustainable Lifestyle Projects

Once again, it has been a busy year, huge thanks to the team that deliver and support our activities.

Hub – visitor centres & classrooms for sustainable living

Activities at our Sandon building and community garden in Wallasey have increased and there are days when we are bursting at the seams.

As well as our normal courses, workshops and groups, we have hosted children from the local school, Wirral wide Eco School leads, LIPA students and corporate volunteer days. We have welcomed visitors from other organisations and been used as a stopping point for local walking groups. We are grateful to the volunteers who continue to improve our centre.

WEN continues the Green Hub at St James Community Garden in Birkenhead North. We have been able to welcome more families to the site, promoting nature in the North End and distribute a bumper crop of apples to local families and community groups. Huge thanks to the volunteers who keep the green space going.

Training

WEN continues to offer sessions, workshops, courses at our Hub on topics including gardening, climate change, environment, food, energy, reuse and recycling, upcycling and IT, as well as hosting the successful WEN craft group, Falkland Road Organic Gardeners and WEN reclaimers. Welcome new addition includes bread making demonstrations and talks on crystals.

We have delivered community-based training, workshops and talks for groups across the Wirral. We have also supported highly appreciated visits to other organisations including the Gilmoor Recycling Facility.

We were pleased this year to retain our Matrix accreditation for the quality of information, advice and guidance that we provide.

Network

Our Big Green List now includes nearly 300 groups, charities and businesses which actively work to protect and improve Wirral's environment and reduce our carbon emissions. We continue to work with Transition Town Liverpool on the Mersey Green Map, a regional view of local, sustainable and ethical groups and businesses which also holds bi-monthly networking sessions. We presented at Transition Town gathering as well as to the Rotary Regional Conference.

We are a member of Cool Wirral, leading on the Cool Communities strand and contributing to ensuring events in Wirral's Year of Culture are as environmentally friendly as possible. We attended Neston Earth Festival, Cool Heswall, Wirral Makefest, Science under the Stars, Wirral Primary Science Network Conference, the Plastic Pledge Market and

Earthfest, promoting environmental activity on the Wirral. The number of subscribers to our fortnightly e-news and social media channels is growing and Evergreen continues to be well received. Thank you to Laura and Pam for their hard work.

WEN was delighted to support the start of Wirral CVS which supports a strong, vibrant and resilient Voluntary, Community, Faith & Social Enterprise Sector. We have had the pleasure of attending and presenting at a number of the Community of Practise mornings.

Projects

WEN are very grateful to a private donator who gave a significant donation to support projects at 15 schools across the Wirral and at Dibbinsdale Nature reserve. We are looking forward to the schools celebration event later this year.

We were able to facilitate the start of the Wirral Repair Café which has gone from strength to strength.

WEN continue to be a collection point for Wirral Free Uniform for Schools (FUSS). There continue to be bookings for our giant pollinator sculptures. of local wildflowers, made of repurposed materials.

Members and Volunteers

My review of the year would not be complete without a massive thanks to all our members and volunteers. Greater membership gives us a bigger voice when talking to others. Financial support helps us deliver services and projects with communities and groups.

Volunteers help run projects, events and fundraise, and are busy behind the scenes managing membership, supporting others, answering queries, running our communications, promoting environmental solutions and helping make sure our centre is suitable and welcoming to all. Thank you!

Naomi Graham.

Learning In Deprived Communities / Cool Communities

We have delivered this learning programme now for over 10yrs to an extremely high professional level often exceeding set targets and receiving praise from OFSTED inspections.

Last year WEN achieved the matrix standard for delivering of advice and guidance related to educational achievement. This year our tutors, Carol and Naomi are delivering short courses on sustainable food systems and climate change as part of our organisations goals to educate the public in living more sustainably and within the 1.5 degree target of global warming limitation.

Kenny Peers.

Accounts Summary for 2022-23 financial year

INCOME FINANCIAL YEAR	2022-2023	2021-2022
	£	£
Bank Interest	7	2
Centre Support	117	451
Donations	20688	783
Grants	15670	56477
Events & Sales	4355	9228
Membership	606	626
Other Income	1347	1173
Room Hire	2384	3333
Service agreements (SLAs) and other income	4834	3165
Total Income	50008	75236
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Environmental Education	40178	52198
Management of the Charity	7068	6166
Total Expenditure	47245	58364
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	2763	16872
Balance brought forward (Excl shares)	55130	38257
CASH BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	57893	55130
Current value of shares held	6345	5778
TOTAL ASSETS	64238	60908

All accounts held with Co-operative Bank. Summary prepared by Dave Brown.

Trustees

Dave Brown (Treasurer), Katrina Chapman, Dom Griffiths, Dave Jones (Chair), Anne Litherland, Perle Sheldricks, Ben Shoebridge, Dave Pye (Secretary).

The WEN team

Naomi Graham (Office Manager, Sustainability Officer).
Maria Harper-Cain (Horticultural Wildlife & Conservation Trainer)
Karen Hawthorne (Volunteer Co-ordinator).
Laura Higginbottom (Online Communications)
Annie Jackson (Membership Secretary)
Susan Kirkham (Sustainability & Office support)
Pam McCarron (Marketing & Communications).
Phil McHoul (Finance).
Kenny Peers (Sustainability).
Carol Seery (Garden Courses).

Patrons

Tina Fox, John Guillebaud, Jonathon Porritt, Charles Secrett, Dr Joanna Sharples, Pat Sykes MBE.

Membership

Individual 69, Group 25 (as of November 2023).

We were honoured to work with a huge range of community groups and organisations including:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
|) Bee Wirral |) St James Centre |
|) Bidston Avenue Primary School |) St Vincent de Paul |
|) Callister Gardens |) Transition Town West Kirby |
|) Eco Schools across Wirral |) Voice of Egremont |
|) Egremont Primary School |) Wirral FUSS |
|) Energy Projects Plus |) Wirral Lifelong Learning |
|) Joint Rotary Environment Group |) Wirral Tree Wardens |
|) Heart4Refugees |) Wirral Makefest |
|) Holy Cross Primary School |) Wirral Repair Cafe |
|) Make it Happen, Birkenhead |) Wirral Unplugged |
|) Mid Wirral Rotary | |
|) HYPE Merseyside | |

With thanks to the support of

-) Cradle to Career
-) Eureka
-) Kirkland Grant
-) Open Golf Championship
-) RSA Insurance Group
-) Soroptimists International
-) Wirral Borough Council

Wirral Environmental Network

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2023

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**Wirral
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"Working to reduce Wirral's Carbon Footprint"

Wirral Environmental Network

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Wirral Environmental Network

Trustees' Report

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees & Directors

K Chapman

P Sheldricks

D Brown

A Litherland

B Shoebridge

D Griffiths

D Jones (Chair)

D Pye, Company Secretary

Other Officers

N Graham, Office Manager

P McHoul, Finance manager

Principal Office

Sandon Building

Falkland Road

Wallasey

Wirral

CH44 8ER

The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.

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Bankers Co-operative Bank

Independent Examiner Ian Wright

Wirral Environmental Network

Trustees' Report

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ending 31st March 2023.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity – originally known as Wirral LA21 Network - is constituted as a Company limited by Guarantee and not having a share capital, and is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated 7 November 1997, amended by special resolution 21 August 2003 and by certificate of incorporation on change of name dated 31 October 2009.

The charity is registered with the Charities commissioners under charity number 1068306.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association the trustees are approved at a General meeting. There is no limit to the time a trustee may serve, although one third of trustees are expected to retire by rotation and be subject to reappointment. During the year, the trustees may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a trustee either to fill a vacancy or as an additional trustee. In this case, that person will hold office only until the next following annual general meeting and shall not be taken into account in determining the trustees who are to retire by rotation at the AGM. If not reappointed at such annual general meeting, the additional trustee(s) shall vacate office at the end of the AGM. There is a minimum of three Trustees but no maximum number. A simple process is in place to clarify trustee recruitment and induction, including interviews and references as necessary.

Trustee induction and training

The Chair of Trustees arranges an induction for new Trustees, including their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Trustee committee and decision making processes, and minimum commitment expected from the new trustee. They also learn in situ about the organisation structure, business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. The new trustee will meet key team members and be provided with access to operational procedures. They are encouraged to attend appropriate events to gain greater knowledge of the charity's activities and to help in the undertaking of their role.

Organisation

The Board of trustees oversees the charity and meets formally on a bi-monthly basis; however exceptional meetings on specific matters can be arranged as and when required. The Office Manager manages the day-to-day operations of the charity. The trustees are supplied with financial information bi-monthly together with updates on activity.

Wirral Environmental Network

Trustees' Report

Objectives and activities

Wirral Environmental Network (WEN) is a local charity which aims to advance the education of the public about the preservation of our world's natural environment, ecological sustainability, natural resource conservation, waste minimisation, recycling and the principles of fair trade, within Wirral and the surrounding area. It is also a focal point for sustainability issues locally.

WEN has delivered and continue to deliver training and projects such as BEE Wirral, Learning In Deprived Communities, Falkland Road Organic Gardeners, Green Hub @ St James Garden, Re-use & Recycling Projects, Cool Communities, Community Voluntary and Faith Fund (Biodiversity Conference and Eco Art in the park), Kirkwood Grant (Dibbinsdale and Schools), SPARKS (Sustainable Seacombe), Courses and workshops at Falkland Road and St James Garden, the Mersey Green Map, E news & quarterly newsletter (Wirral Evergreen), website and information service.

The Trustees review WEN's aims, objectives and activities each year to ensure that we remain focused and have given due regard to public benefit when planning the charity's activities.

Achievements and performance

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Trustees' Report

Plans for future periods:

The Board of Trustees have produced a vision for WEN in 2030 and this provides direction to activities and decisions made within the team – for example in deciding which grant opportunities to pursue. We will produce a business plan for the year ahead to help us focus our efforts, and then make this a part of our ongoing approach on an annual basis.

In the next year, WEN will be looking to apply to the LCR Community Environment Fund again. A key focus will be to develop our long-term accommodation needs, now that possible options are becoming clearer, and to continue to embed risk management within our operating approach.

Risk management

The following risk areas have been identified as key to the organisation:

- Insolvency
- Loss of key staff
- Inadequate Governance
- Fail to meet Charity aims / scope creep
- IT failure
- Data loss/breach/GDPR
- Safeguarding & vulnerable people
- Health & Safety – incident
- Accommodation change (Falkland Rd)
- Asset management (loss/fraud).

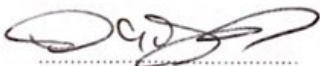
Mitigation Strategy:

Risk areas have been prioritised and individual risks are a focus of trustee meetings, through the forward agenda for the year. This will continue to allow the Trustees and the WEN team to have a better articulated, common perception of the risks and mitigation actions.

Financial review:

The income for this accounting period amounted to £50,008 (previous year: £75,236) with the net income being £2,763. The level of unrestricted funds stands at £34,142 which surpasses our minimum aim of retaining reserves of the equivalent of 12 months of overhead expenses (circa £10,000). We are outgrowing our current premises and so are building up unrestricted reserves for a planned premises project in 2024/2025.

Signed on behalf of the WEN Trustees by:



D Jones (Chair)
Trustee & Director

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the Wirral Environmental Network (WEN)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended the 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

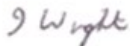
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(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

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	£	£	£	£	
The Alleyways Project 22	1,000	0	1,000	0	
BEE Wirral	1,400	0	1,400	0	
Cool Communities	1,650	0	0	1,650	
Community Voluntary & Faith Fund	13,135	2,000	11,293	3,842	
Green Hub	137	0	70	67	
Hydroponics project	1,410	0	0	1,410	
Kirkwood Grant (Dibbinsdale and Schools)	0	20,000	691	19,310	
Learning in Deprived Communities	4,966	11,000	12,855	3,111	
Liscard Popup	707	0	0	707	
Reuse & Recycling Projects	261	61	321	0	
SPARKS - Sustainable Seacombe	0	2,671	2,671	0	
St James'	-109	109	0	0	
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14 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
	Balance at	Income	Expenditure	Gains/Losses	Balance at
	01 April 2022				31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	36,351	14,174	16,944	567	34,148
15 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS					
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total		
	£	£	£		
Investments	0	6,345	6,345		
Current Assets	30,096	27,797	57,893		
	30,096	34,142	64,238		

Wirral Environmental Network

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Trustees' Report

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees & Directors

K Chapman

P Sheldricks

D Brown

A Litherland

B Shoebridge

D Griffiths

D Jones (Chair)

D Pye, Company Secretary

Other Officers

N Graham, Office Manager

P McHoul, Finance manager

Principal Office

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Wirral

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Bankers Co-operative Bank

Independent Examiner Ian Wright

Wirral Environmental Network

Trustees' Report

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ending 31st March 2023.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity – originally known as Wirral LA21 Network - is constituted as a Company limited by Guarantee and not having a share capital, and is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated 7 November 1997, amended by special resolution 21 August 2003 and by certificate of incorporation on change of name dated 31 October 2009.

The charity is registered with the Charities commissioners under charity number 1068306.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association the trustees are approved at a General meeting. There is no limit to the time a trustee may serve, although one third of trustees are expected to retire by rotation and be subject to reappointment. During the year, the trustees may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a trustee either to fill a vacancy or as an additional trustee. In this case, that person will hold office only until the next following annual general meeting and shall not be taken into account in determining the trustees who are to retire by rotation at the AGM. If not reappointed at such annual general meeting, the additional trustee(s) shall vacate office at the end of the AGM. There is a minimum of three Trustees but no maximum number. A simple process is in place to clarify trustee recruitment and induction, including interviews and references as necessary.

Trustee induction and training

The Chair of Trustees arranges an induction for new Trustees, including their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Trustee committee and decision making processes, and minimum commitment expected from the new trustee. They also learn in situ about the organisation structure, business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. The new trustee will meet key team members and be provided with access to operational procedures. They are encouraged to attend appropriate events to gain greater knowledge of the charity's activities and to help in the undertaking of their role.

Organisation

The Board of trustees oversees the charity and meets formally on a bi-monthly basis; however exceptional meetings on specific matters can be arranged as and when required. The Office Manager manages the day-to-day operations of the charity. The trustees are supplied with financial information bi-monthly together with updates on activity.

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Trustees' Report

Objectives and activities

Wirral Environmental Network (WEN) is a local charity which aims to advance the education of the public about the preservation of our world's natural environment, ecological sustainability, natural resource conservation, waste minimisation, recycling and the principles of fair trade, within Wirral and the surrounding area. It is also a focal point for sustainability issues locally.

WEN has delivered and continue to deliver training and projects such as BEE Wirral, Learning In Deprived Communities, Falkland Road Organic Gardeners, Green Hub @ St James Garden, Re-use & Recycling Projects, Cool Communities, Community Voluntary and Faith Fund (Biodiversity Conference and Eco Art in the park), Kirkwood Grant (Dibbinsdale and Schools), SPARKS (Sustainable Seacombe), Courses and workshops at Falkland Road and St James Garden, the Mersey Green Map, E news & quarterly newsletter (Wirral Evergreen), website and information service.

The Trustees review WEN's aims, objectives and activities each year to ensure that we remain focused and have given due regard to public benefit when planning the charity's activities.

Achievements and performance

With the ever-increasing news of climate breakdown and the huge impact it has on the natural environment and humankind it is increasingly important that we spread the word about the climate and biodiversity emergency and solutions.

On the Wirral, individuals, communities and organisations are joining together to make a difference. With your help, word is getting out. Not just about the impact of increasing and more frequent extreme weather events such as heatwaves and flooding, that can be seen on the news daily. But about local solutions available and national changes that we need.

Wirral Environmental Network is speaking to more people, running more courses and workshops, attending more events and welcoming more people to our environmental hub.

Still, we meet people who don't know what they can do about climate change, who think it is just too hard or it is too expensive or what they do won't make a difference. Our job is to demonstrate there are some easy steps, that actions to address the climate emergency can also reduce the cost of living and what everyone does, will make a difference.

We are heading on a path of increasing average global temperatures. But as more and more individuals, communities, organisations and government begin to make changes we have a chance to turn this around. To limit the increase in global temperatures.

So please, become a climate champion. If you are reading this, we know you already care. Encourage your friends, neighbours, community spaces, workplaces to make a change, contact local, national and international organisations and your political representatives to tell them that the environment is important to you.

Follow us, support us, join us. Together we can make a difference.

Wirral Environmental Network

Trustees' Report

Plans for future periods:

The Board of Trustees have produced a vision for WEN in 2030 and this provides direction to activities and decisions made within the team – for example in deciding which grant opportunities to pursue. We will produce a business plan for the year ahead to help us focus our efforts, and then make this a part of our ongoing approach on an annual basis.

In the next year, WEN will be looking to apply to the LCR Community Environment Fund again. A key focus will be to develop our long-term accommodation needs, now that possible options are becoming clearer, and to continue to embed risk management within our operating approach.

Risk management

The following risk areas have been identified as key to the organisation:

- Insolvency
- Loss of key staff
- Inadequate Governance
- Fail to meet Charity aims / scope creep
- IT failure
- Data loss/breach/GDPR
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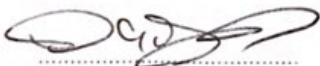
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Financial review:

The income for this accounting period amounted to £50,008 (previous year: £75,236) with the net income being £2,763. The level of unrestricted funds stands at £34,142 which surpasses our minimum aim of retaining reserves of the equivalent of 12 months of overhead expenses (circa £10,000). We are outgrowing our current premises and so are building up unrestricted reserves for a planned premises project in 2024/2025.

Signed on behalf of the WEN Trustees by:



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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the Wirral Environmental Network (WEN)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended the 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

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Year Ended 31 March 2023

13 RESTRICTED FUNDS					
	Balance at	Income	Expenditure	Balance at	
	01 April 2022			31 March 2023	
	£	£	£	£	
The Alleyways Project 22	1,000	0	1,000	0	
BEE Wirral	1,400	0	1,400	0	
Cool Communities	1,650	0	0	1,650	
Community Voluntary & Faith Fund	13,135	2,000	11,293	3,842	
Green Hub	137	0	70	67	
Hydroponics project	1,410	0	0	1,410	
Kirkwood Grant (Dibbinsdale and Schools)	0	20,000	691	19,310	
Learning in Deprived Communities	4,966	11,000	12,855	3,111	
Liscard Popup	707	0	0	707	
Reuse & Recycling Projects	261	61	321	0	
SPARKS - Sustainable Seacombe	0	2,671	2,671	0	
St James'	-109	109	0	0	
	24,557	35,840	30,301	30,096	
14 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
	Balance at	Income	Expenditure	Gains/Losses	Balance at
	01 April 2022				31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	36,351	14,174	16,944	567	34,148
15 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS					
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total		
	£	£	£		
Investments	0	6,345	6,345		
Current Assets	30,096	27,797	57,893		
	30,096	34,142	64,238		

WIRRAL ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1068306

Accounts

Wirral Environmental Network

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2022

Company registration number: 3462312

Charity registration number: 1068306



**Wirral
Environmental
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"Working to reduce Wirral's Carbon Footprint"

Wirral Environmental Network

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Trustees' Report

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees & Directors

J Anton

K Chapman

N Drew

B Parry

P Sheldricks

P Stephens

D Brown

D Jones (Chair)

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Other Officers

N Graham, Office Manager

P McHoul, Finance manager

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The charity is incorporated in England and Wales.

Company Registration Number 3462312

Charity Registration Number 1068306

Bankers Co-operative Bank

Independent Examiner Ian Wright

Wirral Environmental Network

Trustees' Report

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ending 31st March 2022.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity – originally known as Wirral LA21 Network - is constituted as a Company limited by Guarantee and not having a share capital, and is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated 7 November 1997, amended by special resolution 21 August 2003 and by certificate of incorporation on change of name dated 31 October 2009.

The charity is registered with the Charities commissioners under charity number 1068306.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association the trustees are approved at a General meeting. There is no limit to the time a trustee may serve, although one third of trustees are expected to retire by rotation and be subject to reappointment. During the year, the trustees may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a trustee either to fill a vacancy or as an additional trustee. In this case, that person will hold office only until the next following annual general meeting and shall not be taken into account in determining the trustees who are to retire by rotation at the AGM. If not reappointed at such annual general meeting, the additional trustee(s) shall vacate office at the end of the AGM. There is a minimum of three Trustees but no maximum number. A simple process is in place to clarify trustee recruitment and induction, including interviews and references as necessary.

Trustee induction and training

The Chair of Trustees arranges an induction for new Trustees, including their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Trustee committee and decision making processes, and minimum commitment expected from the new trustee. They also learn in situ about the organisation structure, business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. The new trustee will meet key team members and be provided with access to operational procedures. They are encouraged to attend appropriate events to gain greater knowledge of the charity's activities and to help in the undertaking of their role.

Organisation

The Board of trustees oversees the charity and meets formally on a bi-monthly basis; however exceptional meetings on specific matters can be arranged as and when required. The Office Manager manages the day-to-day operations of the charity. The trustees are supplied with financial information bi-monthly together with updates on activity.

Wirral Environmental Network

Trustees' Report

Objectives and activities

Wirral Environmental Network (WEN) is a local charity which aims to advance the education of the public about the preservation of our world's natural environment, ecological sustainability, natural resource conservation, waste minimisation, recycling and the principles of fair trade, within Wirral and the surrounding area. It is also a focal point for sustainability issues locally.

WEN has delivered and continue to deliver training and projects such as BEE Wirral, Learning In Deprived Communities, WEN Crafters, WEN Reclaimers, Falkland Road Organic Gardeners, Green Hub @ St James Garden, Liscard pop-ups, Alleyways project, Hydroponics, Re-use & Recycling Projects, Cool Communities, Biodiversity Conference and Eco Art in the park, Courses and workshops at St James, the Mersey Green Map, E news & quarterly newsletter (Wirral Evergreen), website and information service.

The Trustees review WEN's aims, objectives and activities each year to ensure that we remain focused and have given due regard to public benefit when planning the charity's activities.

Achievements and performance

In the last year we have continued to see an increase in public awareness and concern about environmental matters. This is reflected in the ongoing community-level engagement role that WEN play as a key partner in the Cool Wirral climate change strategy partnership and helping embed some of the behaviour changes through our accredited learning programmes and wider outreach actions.

Two key events stand out, WEN's accreditation as a Matrix organisation, which recognises our professionalism in training delivery, and WEN's recognition as the first Carbon Literate Organisation in the Liverpool City Region, at the Carbon Literacy Award held in Manchester.

Beyond those, our work with the St James' hub, thanks to funding from the Merseyside MetroMayor's Community Environment Fund, is now moving beyond its project phase and is leaving a lasting legacy. It is also a great example for others to learn from, showing what can be achieved through local projects on the ground, delivered by committed local volunteers.

Wirral Environmental Network is still growing – in its local profile, in its membership numbers, and in its reach and impact. As we look towards difficult times ahead, it feels that Wirral Environmental Network is well placed to play a key role in responding to environmental challenges that we will all face in the future.

WEN's outreach and impact, through newsletters and social media, as well as courses and projects, continues to grow, as do our partnerships and the reputation of the organisation both locally and nationally.

WEN continues to strengthen from a Trustee perspective, Processes are continuing to be revisited and updated. Governing documents continue to be reviewed and we now have a hybrid meeting format, making more use of online tools. The vision for where the organisation could be by 2030 has been determined and is constantly reviewed along with the risk register created for the organisation. We have used the comments of our independent examiner to update how we present our accounts going forward.

Wirral Environmental Network

Trustees' Report

Plans for future periods:

The Board of Trustees have produced a vision for WEN in 2030 and this provides direction to activities and decisions made within the team – for example in deciding which grant opportunities to pursue. We will produce a business plan for the year ahead to help us focus our efforts, and then make this a part of our ongoing approach on an annual basis.

In the next year, WEN will be looking to apply to the LCR Community Environment Fund again. A key focus will be to develop our long-term accommodation needs, now that possible options are becoming clearer, and to continue to embed risk management within our operating approach.

Risk management

The following risk areas have been identified as key to the organisation:

- Insolvency
- Loss of key staff
- Inadequate Governance
- Fail to meet Charity aims / scope creep
- IT failure
- Data loss/breach/GDPR
- Safeguarding & vulnerable people
- Health & Safety – incident
- Accommodation change (Falkland Rd)
- Asset management (loss/fraud).

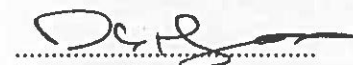
Mitigation Strategy:

Risk areas have been prioritised and individual risks are a focus of trustee meetings, through the forward agenda for the year. This will continue to allow the Trustees and the WEN team to have a better articulated, common perception of the risks and mitigation actions.

Financial review:

The income for this accounting period amounted to £75,236 (previous year: £61,447) with the net income being £16,872. The level of unrestricted funds stands at £36,351 which surpasses our minimum aim of retaining reserves of the equivalent of 12 months of overhead expenses (circa £10,000). We are outgrowing our current premises and so are building up unrestricted reserves for a planned premises project in 2024.

Signed on behalf of the WEN Trustees by:



D Jones (Chair)
Trustee & Director

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the Wirral Environmental Network (WEN)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended the 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income did not exceed £250,000 your examiner need not be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

I Wright

Ian Wright, BA, FCA
Chartered Accountant
15 Stretton Drive
Southport
Merseyside PR9 7DR

14 December 2022

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	2022	2021
Income & endowments from:				£	£
Donations & legacies		106	1,754	1,860	1,716
Trading & other activities		3,750	6,650	10,400	6,747
Charitable activities		56,537	6,438	62,975	52,967
Investment income					
Other income		0	2	2	17
Total Income		60,393	14,843	75,236	61,447
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		40,204	11,994	52,198	37,979
Management of the charity		3,531	2,635	6,166	9,640
Total Expenditure		43,735	14,629	58,364	47,620
Net Income /expenditure		16,658	214	16,872	13,827
Total funds brought forward		7,898	36,164	44,062	30,586
Net Gains/(Losses) on investments			(27)	(27)	(351)
Total funds carried forward		24,557	36,351	60,907	44,062
All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.					

Balance Sheet

31 March 2022

Balance Sheet 31st March 2022		2022	2021
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	Note 7		
Investments		5,805	6,156
Investments revaluation		(27)	(351)
		5,778	5,805
Current assets			
Debtors			
Cash at bank and in hand		55,130	38,257
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	Note 8		
Net current assets		55,130	38,257
Net assets		60,908	44,062
Funds of the charity			
Restricted	Note 9	24,557	7,898
Unrestricted	Note 9	36,351	36,164
Total funds		£60,908	£44,062

For the financial year ending 31 March 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' 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 directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 9 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 14 December 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



D Jones (Chair)
Trustee & Director

Company Registration Number: 3462312

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2022

1.	ACCOUNTING POLICIES			
(a)	Basis of preparation of financial statements			
	The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Statement of recommended practise "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2006), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006			
(b)	Income			
	Voluntary income and donations are included in income when they are receivable, except when donors specify they must be used in future accounting periods, then the income is deferred . The income from fundraising is shown gross. Grant income is provided and may relate to specific projects.			
(c)	Expenditure			
	Are included in the Statement of Financial activities on an accrual basis inclusive of VAT Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included.			
(d)	Tangible fixed assets			
	Are stated at cost less depreciation			
	depreciation is provided at rates listed below			
	Computers	25%	Straight line	
	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	15%	Straight line	
	Motor vehicle	20%	Straight line	
	(Above rates are historic see Note 7)			
(e)	Expenditure on Management of the Charity			
	Includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activity or fundraising			
	Includes rent and office expenditure, salaries for administration and accountancy.			
2.	DIRECTORS			
	As a charity the directors and trustees received no emoluments nor reimbursement of expenses for the year ended 31 March 2022			

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2022

3.	INCOME		21-22 Restricted	21-22 Unrestricted	21-22 Total	2021
	Bank Interest			2	2	17
	Centre Support			451	451	528
	Donations		106	677	783	719
	Grants		56,477	0	56,477	47,399
	Events & Sales		2,797	6,431	9,228	5,587
	Membership			626	626	469
	Other Income		953	220	1,173	1,159
	Room & Contr Hire		60	3,273	3,333	2,465
	Admin, Shus & Cash			3,165	3,165	3,103
	Total Income		60,393	14,843	75,236	61,447
	EXPENDITURE					
	Environmental Education	3	40,204	11,994	52,198	37,979
	Management of the Charity	4	3,531	2,635	6,166	9,640
	Total Expenditure		43,735	14,629	58,364	47,620
	NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		16,658	214	16,872	13,827
	Change in shares value	Note 7		-27	-27	-351
	Balance brought forward		7,898	36,164	44,062	30,586
	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		24,557	36,351	60,908	44,062
3 ctd	ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION		21-22 Restri	21-22 Unrestrict	2022	2021
					£	£
	Project Materials		5,659	1,447	7,106	3,470
	Printing & Postage		311	365	675	279
	Prize Draw			70	70	243
	Premises			5,100	5,100	5,100
	Training & Events		2,132	91	2,223	1,045
	Salaries & Contractors		32,103	4,345	36,448	27,430
	Telephone			576	576	412
	Travel & Volunteers	now inc in Admin			0	0
	Events Cost	now inc in T & E			0	0
					0	0
			40,204	11,994	52,198	37,979
4	MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHARITY					
			Restricted	Unrestricted	2022	2021
					£	£
	Admin		3,531	334	3,865	3,321
	Office & Other Expenses		0	2,301	2,301	6,005
	Depreciation & refund				0	0
	Insurance			0	0	315
	Cash to Bank					
			3,531	2,635	6,166	9,640

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Year Ended 31 March 2022

5.	NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		2022	2,021
	Stated after charging:-		£	£
	Depreciation	0		
6.	TAXATION			
	As a charity the company is exempt from corporation tax.			
7	FIXED ASSETS & DEPRECIATION			
	Although project material purchase is high, the materials are not assets. Equipment and materials acquired belong to the project beneficiaries.			
	At the previous year end all assets including computers, fixtures, equipment and the motor vehicle had been fully depreciated to a value of nil. Several of the older computers, monitors and furniture were also scrapped during the internal move.			
		2022	2021	
	Tridos Shares valuation at year end	5,805	6,156	
	Revaluation difference	-27	-351	
	Total Valuation	5,778	5,805	
8	CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year.	2022	2021	
		£	£	
	Unpresented cheques	0	0	
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
9.	FUNDS OF THE CHARITY		2022	2021
	consisting of:			
	Restricted (Grants)	24,557	7,898	
	Unrestricted	36,351	30,359	
		<u>60,908</u>	<u>38,257</u>	
10.	GUARANTEE			
	The company is limited by guarantee whereby every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of winding up while they are a member or within one year after they ceased to be a member, such amounts as may be required not exceeding one pound.			
	At 31 March 2022 there were 92 individual members and 26 group members.			
11.	CAPITAL COMMITMENTS			
	None.			
12	ADMIN			
	Admin was formerly included in 'Office and Other Expenses'			

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2022

13	RESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance at	Income	Expenditure	Balance at	
		01 April 2021			31 March 2022	
		£	£	£	£	
	The Alleyways Project	2,654	0	2,654	0	
	The Alleyways Project 2	1,945	0	1,945	0	
	The Alleyways Project 22	0	4,000	3,000	1,000	
	BEE Wirral	0	3,000	1,600	1,400	
	Cool Communities	576	3,282	2,208	1,650	
	Community Voluntary & Faith Fund	0	13,135	0	13,135	
	Green Hub	-599	17,100	16,365	137	
	Hydroponics project	1,410	0	0	1,410	
	Learning in Deprived Communities	1,244	10,065	6,343	4,966	
	Liscard Popup	0	8,811	8,104	707	
	Reuse & Recycling Projects	668	0	407	261	
	St James'	0	1,000	1,109	-109	
		7,898	60,393	43,735	24,557	
14	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance at	Income	Expenditure	Gains/Losses	Balance at
		01 April 2021				31 March 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
	General Fund	36,164	14,843	14,629	-27	36,351
15	ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total		
		£	£	£		
	Investments	0	5,778	5,778		
	Current Assets	24,557	30,573	55,130		
		24,557	36,351	60,908		

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Current activities: Lifelong learning, Learning In Deprived Communities, WEN Crafters, WEN Reclaimers, Falkland Road Organic Gardeners, Green Hub @ St James Garden, WEN Flower Arranging, Alleyways project, Aquaponics, Re-use & Recycling Projects, Cool Communities. E news & quarterly newsletter (Wirral Evergreen) - website - information service.

Trustees' report

The last 12 months has seen another year of Covid-19 disruption to Wirral Environmental Network. However, it has also been a year when the environment and climate change has continued to rise in the public's awareness, becoming the number 1 public concern in the UK in the aftermath of COP26 in Glasgow. The Liverpool City Region has ramped up its engagement with the issue, producing a "Year One Plan" and a pathway to Net Zero - *"a Landmark report that reveals the scale and pace of change needed to make Liverpool City Region zero-carbon by 2040 or sooner."* In addition, the LCR Community Environment Fund, which has funded WEN's work at the St James Green Hub, is starting to show a different model for funding local community environmental initiatives, and may point towards a more stable financial environment for the charity going forward. We are delighted that WEN was one of the projects that was chosen to be funded – increasing our profile across the city region, and delivering real change on the ground, in the heart of Wirral. In the last year, WEN became the first Carbon Literate organisation in Liverpool City Region, and we also helped encourage the wider community take-up of Carbon Literacy courses funded by Liverpool City Region.

From a Trustee perspective, WEN is going through a period of change. Processes that were adequate in the past have had to be revisited and updated. We have reviewed our governing documents, changed the format of our meetings with the move to online working and put in place a forward agenda to make sure we are dealing with key strategic topics. Informed by our annual members survey, we have also produced a vision for where the organisation could be by 2030. We have also created a risk register for the organisation and started to take action against some of the key risks that the organisation faces. With the loss of our chair and treasurer, and with the review comments of our independent examiner in mind, we will be updating how we present our accounts going forward, and are still in a process of transition to updated governance arrangements. However, the main focus is around what we have achieved in terms of the aims of the charity – environmental education. Since WEN was originally formed, there has never been a more pressing need, or greater demand, for environmental education, than we see at this present time. WEN's outreach and impact, through newsletters and social media, as well as courses and projects, continues to grow, as do our partnerships and the reputation of the organisation both locally and nationally – thanks to the efforts of our team and volunteers.

Nick Drew. On behalf of the WEN Trustees.

Gardening and sustainability projects

2021 report – before the winter fair

I am writing this report just before our winter fair which seems odd as the weather has been so great for November and reflecting on the year at WEN and yet again I am amazed what we have accomplished.

From my point of view, we have managed to run most of the garden classes including Zoom classes at the beginning of the year. The classes include practical gardening, A-Z of gardening, garden club, Royal Horticultural Society Gardening level 2, Open Awards level 1 (with Lifelong Learning) - including tree and shrub identification and pruning and horticulture through Lifelong Learning (through Learning in Deprived Communities, LIDC) with a large element around composting linking it in with 2024 and all compost being peat free.

Kenny and I managed to carry on the good work with garden volunteers / FROG and plant growing. The plants being used in Alleyways project, packs for schools based on easy growing, selling on site etc raising money for WEN so my big thanks goes to all who helped to support us. We wouldn't be at Falkland Road without your help and support.

WEN Crafters - who meet every two weeks on Tuesdays.

They have carried on through this year (at home sometime) coming up with some great ideas (all items being made from recycling materials) and creating some wonderful items for sale which is now always on display in the community area of WEN bring in approx. £350 – but this only from April and before the Christmas Fair ! We just need to find better ways to advertise and sell their merchandise as this is great for morale and for WEN

The Reclaimers WEN group - meet on a Tuesday based around woodworking.

They are helping with bigger maintenance tasks and looking at creating items from old wood. Things include fixing the raised beds which had been looking very tired now is big priority, created a new compost and leaf collecting area, Christmas trees from pallets (19 which have gone to a road in Prenton who have based their community linking event around OUR trees – look out for results in next Evergreen). They also made the containers used in the Alleyways project in Birkenhead (adding £750 to WEN pot) and are coming up with new ideas for the coming year. We are also making more usable areas for the group including making one of the containers more user friendly for the group and a larger area for them outside.

The Alleyways Project which Kenny and I ran with the council added 3 more alleyways this year and the council have put in for grants for 3 more alleyways – 2 in Seacombe - so fingers crossed as these will be the first 2 in Seacombe. Something that we must build on with help of local councillors

Liscard pop ups and sessions with individual groups

Naomi, I am sure, will cover this but from the sessions point of view we will have reached over 400 people showing them a number of different activities and educational linked sessions including up cycling, love food hate waste, importance of plants, recycling, and introduced them to Energy Project Plus.

General items

Wen also held teacher training-based courses around trees, separate compost workshops (through Lifelong Learning) linked with mini tree project in Wallasey with Lynn Struve (Eco Schools Officer) and other one off workshops.

Maria Harper Caine also joined WEN this autumn and she will be involved with LIDC courses and hoping to start a floristry (sustainable) based courses / group which will involve using greenery we grow at WEN and showing people how to grow their own flowers amongst other things - so welcome on board Maria.

Carol Seery.

Falkland Road Organic Growers (FROG)

The most obvious event of 2021 was of course Covid which effectively inhibited any group activities until the end of March. After that up to 6 of us were able to meet outside which suited FROG perfectly. Onions and broad bean had been planted the previous autumn so there was the need for some checking by individuals. However, they survived the cool and wet early spring to grow well come the sunny April.

The group got together to plant potatoes, and later borlotti beans, kale and Brussels. Later still carrots and beetroot did well, and the beds looked full of colour from rainbow chard and flowers from wild rocket, loved by the bees. The summer was warmer and drier than normal so much of the work was watering. We had mulched earlier with some of the manure from the previous year and that inhibited too many weeds.

We worked with Carol in the polytunnel to plant tomatoes and it was so hot that the aubergines did really well. Carol provided us with ideas and plants and bulbs that the group and Margie, the queen of potting on (off) could work with. We were unable to do our usual fundraising at the tea shop in Roydon Park but with seed sharing etc we managed on very few funds.

We missed the social activities of previous years as no one wanted to risk meeting in pubs or coffee bars but we enjoyed the weekly get-togethers and chats. The warm weather meant we could sit outside most workdays offering support and hope for better things next year.

Judith Anton – Chair FROG.

Sustainable lifestyles projects

Community Green Hub @ St James Community Garden

We revitalised and rejuvenated a large unused, overgrown and neglected area in Birkenhead North, which was previously a target for flytipping. Working with local residents and community groups we developed this as a community space for people to develop their horticultural skills, host a tree nursery, grow your own spaces, an orchard, pollinator and wildlife areas. We planted an urban hedge around the site, distributed trees and plants to local residents. It has become community garden that residents and lots of different groups enjoy. Highlights have been the horticulture training delivered by Carol and Maria, the medicinal herb workshops, tree care sessions from the Tree Wardens, the absolutely incredible support from volunteers and the work with other organisations including North Birkenhead Development Trust and Bee Wirral. Sessions at the Green Hub have expanded and have included talks and discussions on energy efficiency, zero waste and the National Food Strategy. The garden continues with seed gathering and cuttings to start the plant nursery for next year.

We trained 72 learners, via 47 workshops and sessions, welcomed a further 100 visitors and participants and the site hosted additional family holiday activities for 30 families and 112 young people. Thanks to Liverpool City Region Community Environment Fund.

Liscard in the Green

We held Environmental themed pop ups at the Cherry Tree Centre demonstrating activities for green and healthy lifestyles. Particular focus on energy and water awareness and efficiency, healthy plant-based food options, low cost cooking and reducing food waste, growing your own.

Huge thanks to the team (Carol, Ali, Karen, Annie, Jill and Stasia from EPP) who led the grow your own, vegan food tasting sessions, energy efficiency and prepared 400 environmental information packs. We directly spoke to at least 350 people which is brilliant and there were many highlights. There will be over 1500 Tete a Tete springing up around Liscard next spring. In private gardens, residential homes and community spaces. We have introduced countless people to the beauty of Kale (!) and cheaper, local, seasonal veg. Many particularly keen on the recipe for the vegetable curry and cake and many others will be getting further energy efficiency help from EPP in the near future.

Most people we spoke to had previously been unaware of us and EPP and many are now keen to get involved in courses and volunteering. We have now been invited to run two more similar pop ups and are seeking funding to support this.

At the funders request, we also ran regular sessional group activities in sheltered and residential settings & community settings. Focused on grow your own at home, low cost plant based cooking, energy awareness & efficiency, reducing waste and upcycling.

Wirral's Climate Change Strategy – Cool2

WEN supports the community element of Wirral's Climate Change Strategy and is part of the Cool Wirral Partnership. Working alongside RethinkNowCIC we held online Cool Community Workshops and created an online, self-directed learning package to help people understand Wirral's Climate Change Strategy.

Reached 136 people through 12 group sessions plus additional briefer talks

Wirral Speaks on Climate Change (Wirral Climate Action Group)

Wirral Climate Action Group, a Wirral based Friends of the Earth Group hosted a second Wirral Speaks on Climate Change, Wirral wide public online event in April. Chaired by Roger Philips, with speakers including MPs and key organisations making a difference on the Wirral.

The Big Green List and Mersey Green Map

Our Big Green List now includes nearly 260 Wirral Community Groups, Charities and businesses which actively work to protect and improve our environment and reduce our carbon emissions. It has been used by many local and regional organisations to support their work and continues to be a key asset. We continue to help groups put their details on the Mersey Green Map, a regional view of local, sustainable and ethical groups and businesses which also holds bi-monthly networking sessions.

Wirral Tree Strategy

Alongside Wirral Tree Wardens, WEN are members of the Tree Strategy Advisory Board. Delighted to welcome Nicola Wallbank, working for Wirral Council focused on community tree planting.

Carbon literacy

8 team and trustees and 26 members, learners and volunteers from WEN undertook carbon literacy training.

Reuse and Recycling

Magenta Housing and Wirral Council are working together directly with 'Refresh' furniture reuse. We have been able to step back from regular direct hands on involvement, but continue to undertake occasional collection and deliveries and sign-post to the scheme.

WEN have become a collection point for Wirral Free Uniform for Secondary Schools (FUSS) and Free Uniform for Primary Schools (FUPS).

Communications

Our subscribers to our fortnightly e-news and social media channels is growing and Evergreen continues to be well received. Thanks to Pam for her work on Evergreen and promotion and to Laura for her continued work on communications.

Naomi Graham.

Urban Vintage - upcycling

During October I was asked by WEN, to deliver a number of community upcycling projects, which had received funding from the Liscard Community Grants.

I worked with 6 different projects across the Liscard area, Marlowe Road Church Group, St Mary's Church Group, Liscard House, and three groups who attend WEN premises. The groups varied in size from 8 to 35.

The sessions included a number of demonstrations on upcycling items which you may currently have within your home, to the group members actively getting creative and making hearts, trays, starts and paddles.

Feedback was very positive, and most people enjoyed participating in the creative craft sessions.

Positive outcomes have been achieved, I have been informed that some participants have purchased items and paints to get creative within their own homes and have started to upcycle some of their furniture. I am looking forward to seeing what they're creative talents will come up with.

Katrina Chapman.

Accounts Summary for 2020-21 financial year

INCOME FINANCIAL YEAR	2020-2021	2019-2020
	£	£
Bank Interest	17	21
Centre Support	528	612
Donations	719	935
Grants	47399	33681
Events & Sales	5587	5912
Membership	469	528
Other Income	1159	343
Room Hire	2465	2028
Service agreements (SLAs) and other income	3103	5254
Total Income	61447	49313
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Environmental Education	37979	29503
Management of the Charity	9640	9183
Total Expenditure	47620	38686
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	13827	10627
Balance brought forward (Excl shares)	24430	13803
CASH BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	38257	24429
Current value of shares held	5805	6,156
TOTAL ASSETS	44062	30585

All accounts held with Co-operative Bank. Summary prepared by Naomi Graham.

Trustees

Judith Anton, Katrina Chapman, Nick Drew, Brian Parry, Perle Sheldricks, Peter Stephens.
Dave Pye (Secretary).

The WEN team

Naomi Graham (Office Manager, Sustainability Officer).
Maria Harper-Cain (Horticultural Wildlife & Conservation Trainer)
Karen Hawthorne (Volunteer Co-ordinator).
Laura Higginbottom (Online Communications)
Pam McCarron (Marketing & Communications).
Phil McHoul (Finance).
Kenny Peers (Sustainability).
Carol Seery (Garden Courses).

Patrons

Tina Fox, John Guillebaud, Jonathon Porritt, Charles Secrett, Dr Joanna Sharples, Pat Sykes MBE.

Membership

Individual 79, Corporate 25 (as of January 2022).

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- Right to Succeed and the Price Parry Trust

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