

Company number: 04297947
Charity number:1090917

THE GROWING SPACE (WINCANTON) LIMITED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

**THE GROWING SPACE (WINCANTON) LIMITED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was incorporated on the 19 September 2001 as company limited by guarantee, registration number 04297947. Following incorporation it was registered with the Charity Commission on the 21 February 2002, registration number 1090917.

The power of appointing new trustees is vested in the trustees. The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, who served during the year were:

Mike Rowlands (Chair)
Dr Marc Fellows
Chris Fenton (Company Secretary)
Andrew Chilton (Treasurer)
Helena Groom

Objectives and activities

The charity works in partnership with statutory and third sector organisations to improve and sustain the health and well-being of the population living within a 10 mile radius of Wincanton, Somerset. It provides support for those experiencing disability and / or disadvantage to engage in horticultural and related nature-based activities that enable positive life change. The focus is primarily on improving and sustaining mental and physical health, improving knowledge and practical experience of food growing and wildlife gardening, and to counteract the effects of social isolation - building stronger, more resilient individuals and communities.

Achievements and performance for public benefit

To the year ending 31 March 2024 the charity worked in partnership with a range of voluntary sector organisations and local authority agencies to provide a wide range of activities based on social and therapeutic horticulture, wildlife gardening, and woodland activities. The charity provided activities for people experiencing mental and physical ill-health, learning disability, social isolation and those in need of support to broaden social connections. The charity worked directly with 65 adults and 40 childrens, and had a positive indirect effect on the communities living within it's reach through the maintenance of public outdoor spaces.

Financial review

The trustees are confident that the charity has sufficient reserves to enable them to meet their aims.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to build up and sustain a reserve of no more than six months revenue turnover.

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Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have considered the guidance from the Charity Commission regarding public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. They are satisfied that the activities undertaken during the year fully meet these requirements.

Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Policies (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

On behalf of the board of trustees


Mr. Andrew Chilton
Trustee

Dated: 23.10.24

THE GROWING SPACE (WINCANTON) LIMITED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees (and the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. You also consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Companies Act 2006.

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, follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) of the 2011 Act, and 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: 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

H. C. Allen

Dated: 02/12/24

THE GROWING SPACE (WINCANTON) LIMITED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

			2024			2023
	Note	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total		
Total incoming resources	2	17,250	29,433	46,683		42,901
Total resources expended	3 -	14,375 -	32,429 -	46,804 -		40,335
Surplus/(Deficit)		2,875 -	2,996 -	121		2,566
Brought forward balance		16,442 -	7,978	8,464		5,898
Carried forward		<u>£ 19,317</u>	<u>-£ 10,974</u>	<u>£ 8,343</u>	<u>£ 8,464</u>	

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
BALANCE SHEET
COMPANY NUMBER: 04297947

	2024	2023
Fixed assets		
Property	2,625	3,500
Plant and machinery	106	142
Lap Top	363	
Furniture and fittings	21	28
Office Computer	132	176
	<u>3,247</u>	<u>3,846</u>
Current assets		
Cash in hand and at bank	3,248	2,062
Debtors	1,848	2,834
	<u>5,096</u>	<u>4,896</u>
Creditors due within one year		
Creditors		278
		<u>278</u>
Net current assets	5,096	4,618
Total net assets	<u><u>£ 8,343</u></u>	<u><u>£ 8,464</u></u>
Capital account		
Reserve brought forward	8,464	5,898
(Deficit)/surplus	- 121	2,566
		<u>2,566</u>
Reserve carried forward	- 10,974	- 7,978
Restricted reserve carried forward	19,317	16,442
Total reserves	<u><u>£ 8,343</u></u>	<u><u>£ 8,464</u></u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with the Act; and
- (b) the accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The accounts were approved by the Board on 23 Oct 2024

Mr. B. Sand

Chair

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1) Accounting policies

1.1) Basis of accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005 and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2) Incoming resources

All income is credited in the statement of financial activities in the period in which it is receivable.

1.3) Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates to write off the cost of each asset over its useful economic life, as follows:

Leasehold property	Over the lease life
Plant and machinery	25% reducing balance
Furniture and fittings	25% reducing balance
Computer	25% reducing balance

2) Analysis of incoming resources

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
Donations and fundraising activity				
Open Mental Health Grant	9,500	-	9,500	-
Moorland Trust	-	-	-	500
Education & Schools	-	1,200	1,200	490
Direct Payments, PIPs & Session Fees	-	14,271	14,271	18,514
Bruton Town Council	1,100	-	1,100	1,000
Open Mental Health Delivery (WCV)	-	8,771	8,771	9,444
South Somerset District Council	-	-	-	1,000
Somerset Community Foundation	4,500	-	4,500	4,500
Wincanton Town Council	1,000	-	1,000	-
Glastonbury Festival	1,150	-	1,150	1,150
Donations	-	4,935	4,935	2,496
Plant sales	-	243	243	302
Bank interest	-	12	12	5
Fence & Vegetable Beds Timber Donation	-	-	-	3,500
	£ 17,250	£ 29,433	£ 46,683	£ 42,901

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3) Analysis of expenses expended

Staff costs	-	26,452	26,452	31,998
Staff costs - Bruton Town Council	1,100	-	1,100	1,000
Staff costs - Somerset Community Found.	2,000	-	2,000	1,500
Staff costs - South Somerset District Council	-	-	-	1,000
Staff costs - Wincanton Town Council	1,000	-	1,000	-
Staff costs - Open Mental Health Grant	7,400	-	7,400	-
Training	-	228	228	193
Travel	500	734	1,234	1,378
Utilities	200	456	656	453
Insurance	300	777	1,077	-
Rent	-	361	361	-
Rent Arrears	-	600	600	-
Open Mental Health (WCV) costs	-	399	399	262
Garden Running Costs	1,400	1,083	2,483	1,633
Administration, Office & Resources	475	193	668	675
Bank Charges	-	63	63	127
Depreciation	-	1,083	1,083	116
	£ 14,375	£ 32,429	£ 46,804	£ 40,335

Liability of Trustees

Every Trustee of the Company undertakes to contribute such amount as required (not exceeding £1) to the Company's assets in event of the company's liquidation.