

Company number: 04297947  
Charity number:1090917

THE GROWING SPACE (WINCANTON) LIMITED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

**THE GROWING SPACE (WINCANTON) LIMITED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025  
TRUSTEES' REPORT**

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The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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)  
Jim Stephen  
Micheal Bainbridge

**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 2025 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 in needing 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



Trustee

Dated: .....16/7/25

**THE GROWING SPACE (WINCANTON) LIMITED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**  
**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 Akeman

Dated: 09.09/25

THE GROWING SPACE (WINCANTON) LIMITED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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			2025		2024	
	Note	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total		
Total incoming resources	2	22,535	31,148	53,683		46,683
Total resources expended	3 -	15,826 -	32,455 -	48,281 -		46,804
Surplus/(Deficit)		6,709 -	1,306	5,403 -		121
Brought forward balance		19,317 -	10,974	8,343		8,464
Carried forward		<u>£ 26,026</u>	<u>-£ 12,280</u>	<u>£ 13,746</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>8,343</u>

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

**THE GROWING SPACE (WINCANTON) LIMITED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**COMPANY NUMBER: 04297947**

	2025	2024
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Property	1,969	2,625
Plant and machinery	81	106
Lap Top	272	363
Furniture and fittings	16	21
Office Computer	99	132
	<u>2,437</u>	<u>3,247</u>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash in hand and at bank	16,177	3,248
Debtors	240	1,848
	<u>16,417</u>	<u>5,096</u>
<b>Creditors due within one year</b>		
Creditors	<u>5,108</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>	11,309	5,096
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u><u>£ 13,746</u></u>	<u><u>£ 8,343</u></u>
<b>Capital account</b>		
Reserve brought forward	8,343	8,464
(Deficit)/surplus	<u>5,403</u>	<u>- 121</u>
Reserve carried forward	- 12,280	- 10,974
Restricted reserve carried forward	26,026	19,317
<b>Total reserves</b>	<u><u>£ 13,746</u></u>	<u><u>£ 8,343</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 2025. 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 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025



Chair

M. H. Radwands

**THE GROWING SPACE (WINCANTON) LIMITED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**  
**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 2025	Total 2024
<b>Donations and fundraising activity</b>				
Open Mental Health Grant		-	-	9,500
Moorland Trust		1,000	1,000	-
Education & Schools		-	-	1,200
Direct Payments, PIPs & Session Fees		12,522	12,522	14,271
Bruton Town Council	1,100	-	1,100	1,100
Open Mental Health Delivery (WCV)		9,473	9,473	8,771
South Somerset District Council		-	-	-
Somerset Community Foundation	5,500	-	5,500	4,500
Wincanton Town Council	1,100	-	1,100	1,000
Sherborne CC		3,000	3,000	-
BizGive		1,000	1,000	-
Awards for All	9,835	-	9,835	-
Asda Foundation	2,500	-	2,500	-
Citizen's Advice FRF	2,500	-	2,500	-
Glastonbury Festival		1,300	1,300	1,150
Donations		2,395	2,395	4,936
Plant sales		450	450	243
Bank interest		8	8	12
	<b>£ 22,535</b>	<b>£ 31,148</b>	<b>£ 53,683</b>	<b>£ 46,683</b>

**3) Analysis of expenses expended**

Staff costs		26,424	26,424	26,452
Staff costs - Bruton Town Council	900		900	1,100
Staff costs - Somerset Community Found.	5,000		5,000	2,000
Staff costs - Awards for All	5,000		5,000	-
Staff costs - Wincanton Town Council	600		600	1,000
Staff costs - Open Mental Health Grant			-	7,400
Training		94	94	228
Travel		481	481	1,234
Utilities		1,168	1,168	656
Insurance		636	636	1,077
Rent		250	250	361
Rent Arrears			-	600
Open Mental Health (WCV) costs		33	33	399
Garden Running Costs	1,100	1,915	3,015	2,483
Nest Courtyard	3,226	-	3,226	-
Administration, Office & Resources		583	583	668
Bank Charges		60	60	63
Depreciation		811	811	1,083
	<b>£ 15,826</b>	<b>£ 32,455</b>	<b>£ 48,281</b>	<b>£ 46,804</b>

**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.