

**WELLGATE COMMUNITY FARM**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

**Report and Unaudited Accounts**  
**for the year ended**  
**31 March 2023**

Charity Number: 1091729  
Company Number: 04370324

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**Company Information**

**Directors (Trustees)**

Revd R K Gayler  
Mrs M Nathan  
Mr S Webb  
Miss V Geary  
Mr R Brown  
Mr R Gayler  
Ms C Rowley  
Mrs R Snell

**Secretary**

Mrs M Nathan

**Accountants**

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### **Directors' Report (incorporating the Trustees' annual report)**

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023 incorporating the Company information on page 1 and the financial statements on pages 12 to 18.

### **Structure Governance and Management**

The charity is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association incorporated 8 February 2002. It is a company limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital.

Overall management of the charity is the responsibility of the directors who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the memorandum and articles of association. Day to day project activity is managed and carried out by paid staff and volunteers.

Consent was obtained from the Registrar of Companies to dispense with the word "Limited" because of the Company's charitable status.

### **Directors (Trustees)**

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Revd R K Gayler  
Mrs M Nathan  
Mr S Webb  
Miss V Geary  
Mr R Brown  
Mr R Gayler  
Ms C Rowley  
Mrs R Snell

### **Aims and organisation**

The principal objects of the company are:

To promote the benefit of the community within East London and Essex, without distinction of sex, or of political, religious or other opinions by associating statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and the general public in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for those who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances.

To advance the education of the public at large, in agriculture, horticulture, home crafts, country life, protection and improvement of the natural environment through best environmental practices especially by encouraging reduction, re-use and recycling, and related subjects and in the principles of self-discipline and good citizenship and through their leisure time activities so that they develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities and grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and their conditions of life may be improved.

To promote among the public, humanity and morality by advancing education in the care and consideration for all animals, particularly animals in need of care and protection so that the public and particularly the younger members thereof will learn greater awareness of and appreciation for such animals.

To provide education and training for persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their age, youth, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances, so as to prepare them for any trade, occupation or service and thereby advance them in life to enable them to earn their own livelihood.

To relieve physically or mentally handicapped or disabled or deprived persons by the provision, as remedial, recreational or therapeutic activity, of facilities, including horse and pony riding and gardening, subject, where appropriate, to the consent of the medical advisors of all such persons.

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**Activities**

Wellgate Community Farm exists as a focus for community, creating an opportunity for people to grow, make a positive contribution and promote social cohesion. Our vision is to enable all individuals to grow to their full potential while developing emotionally, socially, intellectually, physically, and spiritually through educational, recreational, and therapeutic activities.

Over 41 years, the Farm has developed to meet the needs of the community. Many of the services the Farm provides focus on supporting people, particularly those that are disadvantaged.

The Farm is a valuable resource for the local disabled community. DABD, NELFT, THREE Cs, Barley Lane Special Needs School, Oak View, and Trinity regularly bring groups here to visit. Trinity School brings groups of students for work experience each year. Princes Trust brings groups for placements as part of their courses at B and D College. Conversations with them have highlighted the need for more indoor areas and continuity for wheelchair accessible areas at the Farm.

Wellgate Community Farm plays a crucial role in building a vibrant and diverse culture, to make the most of our green space thus complementing the borough's theme of Arts, Culture, and Leisure aiming to strengthen the identity of our community and make people want to visit our parks and green spaces. We have reached out to more community organisations including Everyday Everyone, Marks Gate Relief Project, Urban Promise UK - Marks Gate, Barking and Dagenham Citizens Alliance network, J Murphy & Sons Ltd, MEARS Foundation, and Youth Futures Foundation.

The Farm's mobile animal visits are a vital source of revenue and a fundamental part of our educational programme, giving children the opportunity to learn about animals and where food comes from. Since last year, farm birds had to be kept inside to prevent the possibility of them coming into contact with wild birds. Poultry and waterfowl have always made up the majority of the animals we keep and therefore take out on visits. For a full year, Defra has imposed movement restrictions, which have prevented us from taking the birds off site, greatly reducing what we can offer to schools and the community, but we have still managed to take other animals though our costs are higher as a result.

To maintain compliance to our Service Level Agreement (SLA), we have endeavoured to continue to fulfil the Borough's priorities thus playing a bigger role in improving and complementing Borough wide services.

The proposed development of the sustainable housing around the neighbouring site started, but the farm has got no timeline for when the project will kick off at the farm site. If the development is fully implemented it will involve the farm obtaining more land and new buildings whilst losing a strip of the existing site. Phase one, the building of the first 14 houses including show homes has begun but due to the pandemic and unforeseen circumstances, the project has encountered delays. This phase has taken significantly longer than expected and therefore the development schedule has altered again with no projected date possible. This is an exciting venture that has the potential to refresh current resources, increase capacity and expand our services.

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#### **Fundraising and recreational events**

We do run annual events including Spring Babies, Open Day, Mad Hare Tea Parties, Halloween Event, Christmas Event, and three new ones which have been added to the events diary: The Wellgate Games, The Wellgate Summer Show and a summer holiday Animal Encounters Day.

We continued to take part in the LBBB Crowd Funder Lottery fundraiser. We successfully applied for a grant which has contributed towards wages of the Horticultural member of staff to run the allotments. The purpose of this funding is to continue to support the running of the allotment site in Marks Gate.

We have maintained our close links with local schools, preschool and day nurseries where we support the Marks Gate community by attending with our animals for educational and social events. The Farm attends the community Hub and Marks Gate North Meet South Big Local events. All these occasions help the local children experience and learn about animals and provide them with quality recreational activities.

Our shop, which is a point of contact for the local community, has operated on days when shop volunteers have been available thus continuing to sell Farm eggs, preserves, vegetables, plants, and potted flowers, all of which are locally grown and produced by our team of horticultural and shop volunteers.

#### **Educational and Training activities**

Local children have benefited from the Farm's educational visits to schools and by coming on visits to the Farm.

Secondary school children have attended as part of our alternative education programme and on work experience and placements.

Children from the ages of 8 to 18 have attended as members of our Young Farmers Club and Duke of Edinburgh training at a city farm.

Adults have been referred to us for training by a variety of agencies and support groups. These include homeless support groups, disability support groups, Job Centres, Colleges, Mind, DABD, Richmond Fellowship, Goodmayes Hospital, YMCA, and Princess Trust at LBBB College. We provided uniformed groups including Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts with a safe place to come and complete their animal care and farming badges.

The Farm held Farmer for a Day activity sessions engaging local Primary Schools including Rose Lane, Warren School, Furze Infant School, Wellgate Day Nursery, The Royal Society for Blind Children, and other borough schools reaching out to more young people. This enabled the Farm to increase public attendance to our Green Space as well as developing wider skill based interest. These sessions allowed the Farm to engage with the local community in the Borough whilst teaching environmental awareness and engaging young people with the outdoors. Working alongside teachers and the community, we have continued to develop a wider skill based interest in traditional farming. Wellgate Farm continued to play a greater role in enabling teachers to reach curriculum targets and continue to improve the Borough's educational aims to aspire and achieve.

We have continued to teach gardening and maintenance skills, healthy eating and environmental awareness to the young farmers and volunteers who look after the horticultural plots.

We have continued to run the Jack Petchey Silver Achievement Award Scheme. This scheme enables the Farm to celebrate the achievement of our students, young farmers, and young volunteers as well as receive additional funding which goes towards much needed equipment to run the farm.

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We have allocated all the allotment plots at Bagleys Spring to LBBD residents most of whom are residents of Marks Gate / Chadwell Heath Ward, community groups, and schools. The project aims to improve skills and wellbeing, and increase community cohesion. Through a thoroughly hands on experience people are encouraged to grow their own food, thereby increasing their physical activity and healthy eating. In so doing they widen their social contacts and reduce their isolation. We are planning to hold community engagement growing workshops to help gardeners and the community gain confidence in farming on a smaller scale. Our allotment project in Marks Gate and the long standing gardening groups at the Farm will continue to educate and provide the opportunity for local people and families, many of whom do not have their own garden, to learn how to grow and prepare healthy food.

One of the Borough's priorities is High-quality education, which is a stepping-stone to high quality employment. The Farm has supported and challenged local residents to develop the ambition, skills, and resilience to succeed by providing age appropriate educational training services for young people to cope with life's challenges, as well as supporting the local authority in providing for increasing numbers of young people in the area to realise their potential. We have provided alternative education through our Hands On Project which helps those who are otherwise struggling in mainstream education. We have provided work experience placements for people of all abilities thus helping to raise attainment and realise aspiration for these beneficiaries.

The Farm's educational visits to the Farm saw 20 early years to Key Stage 2 school groups come to the Farm for educational activity sessions.

Four local schools attended weekly during term time with groups of SEND students for educational work experience activities.

Our Mobile Farm attended five local, park organised, church, or similar events that were open to the public.

We took eight Hatch Packs (incubator hires) to schools and nurseries, enabling children to experience incubating, hatching, and caring for chicks and ducklings. The Farm hosted five children's parties.

Several primary schools including Dorothy Barley Primary School, St Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School, Sunnyside Pre-School, Village Infant School, Oak View, Little Heath, and Valance Primary have engaged with the Farm, joining in our various farming activities.

Secondary and Special Needs Schools including Canon Palmer Catholic Academy, St John's Roman Catholic School, Trinity, Jo Richardson, and Eastbrook School have also referred groups of Key Stage three and four pupils, who struggle to stay in main school education for the full week. These students have benefited from the Farm's educational training sessions. Some of these young people have severe and profound learning difficulties, physical disabilities and some are within the autistic spectrum.

The Farm continued to deliver animal care qualifications as part of our Hands On Partnership with Lambourne End Centre. The Project is for secondary school age students who for many reasons are struggling in mainstream education. They work towards level one and two City and Guilds qualifications in Land Based Studies attending between one and three days a week. We had 36 attending last year with an improved success rate of 89%. These young people are referred to the Farm as they are struggling with mainstream education for a variety of reasons including low confidence, special educational needs, behavioural difficulties, and low attendance. Many are young people in care, however, some do opt to participate as they have an interest in a future career in the animal industry.

The Farm provided work experience for secondary schools with 36 secondary and tertiary level students completing placements of between one and three weeks in the academic year. This includes 10 who have Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities. Feedback from schools and referral agencies has stated there are very few places where SEND students can gain work experience and are very grateful for this service.

The Farm offered 53 college placements from further educational colleges including Barking and Dagenham College, Riverside Bridge - Barking, Shuttleworth College, Princes Trust, Writtle, and Capel Manor. The pupils are mostly from the London Boroughs of Barking and Dagenham.

All these activities enabled the farm to reach approximately 15,000 young people.

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*This year we have received some fantastic positive feedback and comments have included:*

*"Spent the morning at Wellgate Community Farm and got to feed goats, baby piggies, sheep, and held some little chicks. I think P's favourite was the farm cat! So nice to be somewhere that was safe for P to run around."*

*"The farm is free to get in and you can leave donations. When I went there were lots of teenagers doing all the hard work. They were so helpful and looked like they were having fun. Also got to sit and enjoy the ponies from Debbie's bench."*

*"My girls did the 'Farmer For A Day' experience. They were really excited and enjoyed mucking out the ponies, goats and sheep, collecting hen eggs before cleaning and boxing them, laying bedding down for the ponies, feeding the animals and meeting them too! It was hard work and they were totally exhausted but it gave them an appreciation of what hard work goes into the running of a farm."*

*"Took 5 year old to Beaks and Squeaks, she absolutely loved it; we also all enjoyed the farm as a family including 18 month old. Had an absolutely amazing experience getting to see all the animals, and the 5 year old loved getting to be more hands on during her farm tour, and loved doing the craft too. Thank you for a thoroughly enjoyable time, the farm is very well maintained, and such a lovely way to introduce kids to where their food comes from as well."*

**Volunteering**

The Farm continued to provide volunteering opportunities to people and groups of all ages and abilities. This year we have offered more than 3,500 volunteering opportunities, this figure has gone up due to the ending of government restrictions and lockdowns but also due to volunteers saying they are lonely and feel isolated at home and needing a safe space to come and gain skills.

We have trained volunteers to gain skills to enable them to keep this public open space clean and safe for the people to visit. The volunteers are the public face of the Farm making it possible for residents to connect and to feel engaged and comfortable. They welcome visiting members of the public and show them round the Farm whilst taking part in animal encounters. This helps the wider community realise that everyone can contribute something to a safe, friendly, welcoming environment increasing community cohesion and pride in our Borough, which can play a big role in reducing anti-social behaviour.

Increasing physical activity is a strategic need in the Barking and Dagenham Clinical commissioning group, Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The Farm has again played a bigger role in achieving this strategic need by providing a Young farmer's club and other volunteering opportunities for local people enabling them to take part in with healthy physical outdoor activities. The activities volunteers partake in at the farm are in tune with the Borough's theme of Health and Social Care—The Farm has encouraged residents to make informed choices about healthy lifestyles through volunteering workshops and events.

Our volunteers and students have learned about healthy food production and responsible farming practices.

The farm has enabled special needs day care centres holding weekly volunteering sessions for young people aged 13-19 years with severe and profound learning difficulties, physical disabilities and some within the autistic spectrum.

This year we have worked with Jaktol Day Care Centre, Stronger Together who both run activities for these beneficiaries in St Marks Church Centre Marks Gate.

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Based on current participants and bookings, this financial year's projected beneficiaries of the farm are:

- 465 adult volunteers with 34 attending 1 day or more a week.
- 20 junior volunteers attending regularly during school holidays.
- 69 young farmers aged 8 to 18 attending each weekend plus 26 on our waiting list
- 5 supported volunteers attending 1 day a week
  - 36 volunteers over 60 years
  - 25 with Special Educational Need,
  - 88 with mental health problems,
  - 45 long term unemployed,
  - 44 disabled,
  - 36 unemployed young people,
  - 25 further education work placements
- 56 Hands On participants gaining qualifications each attending 1 day a week throughout school term
- 300 children participating in educational visits to the farm
- 40 people using allotments on a regular basis plus over 300 pupils taking part in gardening and planting sessions

**Sustainable Development**

The farm is grateful to all the volunteers who continue to help with horticulture, maintenance, animal work, administration and educational visits all of which help to keep the farm running. Wellgate Community Farm was granted funding to replace our very old rabbit shed which was no longer fit for purpose. Even though the new rabbit shed was going to be sited at the same footprint as that of the old building, the Farm needed to gain landlord's consent before proceeding with the work. We approached our Landlord who is the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham and discussed this project with the Lead Commissioner for Parks in Barking and Dagenham. The request was initially delayed due to closure caused by Covid 19 pandemic. When lockdown was lifted the proposal was accepted and permission was given to the Farm to start the demolition and building works

We demolished the old shed, did all groundworks, including laying the base, and purchased the flat pack building supplies from Vale stables, who assembled the new building. The electrics have been connected and inspected for compliance. The screed flooring has also been layered. We have managed to get the new hutches but this required more fundraising as the housing materials including the flooring and electrics were all more expensive than the quotes we got pre Covid

The volunteers, members, young farmers and the public came to Wellgate's ruby anniversary for the presentation of the new shed. Revd. Roger Gayler Chair of board of trustees gave words of thanks and appreciation to our funders

We receive many enquiries from people and groups in the borough to help them gain work experience, life skills, volunteering, to help increase their involvement in the community and their confidence, abilities and self-esteem.

Due to limited finances, we are unable to meet the demand and support all those who need help. Without an increase in funding, we will struggle to maintain our current level of services. Core costs have been increasing and this affects the services we can offer. To help us maintain our service level and potentially increase our ability to engage with the community we will continue to apply for charitable grants.



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Within the staff team there has been some changes with a new joint manager team combining their skills and covering the variety of tasks needed for a smoother running of the farm.

Our aim is for remuneration to be at least at the living wage level but this of course has financial implications.

We are always on the lookout for new trustees and we are now working with Barking and Dagenham Citizens Alliance network, the Fore Foundation and BD Collective to find more avenues of recruiting more trustees.

Staff training is an important and ever present need and courses have been undertaken in

- First Aid including Equine First Aid.
- Health and safety including Safeguarding
- Trailer Driving
- Lambing and Periparturient Ewe Care training
- Fire safety
- Updated staff animal health checks and emergency response.

**The charity's policy on reserves**

Wellgate Community Farm has agreed that free reserves should aim to be a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of 1 year's expenditure. The Trustees believe that this level of reserves would enable us to meet our aims and objectives on a short-term and long-term basis. This would also provide for unanticipated shortfalls in income and to cover costs such as staff sickness, delays in receiving grants, moving premises or other unplanned events. The level of reserves is regularly kept under review

**Future developments**

To implement the business plan bearing in mind the business risk assessment.

To maintain and develop our partnership with Barking & Dagenham Council, Lambourne End Centre, Social Farms and Gardens (the amalgamation of the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens and Care Farming UK) to increase our partnership working.

To continue to use our resources as efficiently as possible and to be alert to possibilities for developing the farm, including new streams of funding.

To continue to work with the developer to realise the proposals for the new development.

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**Financial Review**

The results of the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 17.

Management accounts continue to be presented to the Trustees at each meeting.

The Trustees have continued to work with the local Council for Voluntary Services to provide advice on commercial management and viability.

For the coming year the farm needs to continue to increase its income in order to further develop and maintain its resources.

**Directors' responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

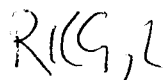
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 27 October 2023 and signed on its behalf.



Reverend R Gayler  
Director

## **WELLGATE COMMUNITY FARM**

### **Directors' statement**

We confirm that as directors we have met our duty in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 to:

- ensure that the company has kept adequate accounting records;
- prepare accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2023 and of its profit and loss for the year then ended in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities; and
- follow applicable accounting policies, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the notes to the accounts.



Reverend R Gayler  
for and on behalf of  
WELLGATE COMMUNITY FARM  
27 October 2023

**Accountants' independent assurance report on the unaudited accounts of  
WELLGATE COMMUNITY FARM (A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

**To the Board of Directors of WELLGATE COMMUNITY FARM ('the Company')**

We have performed certain procedures in respect of the Company's unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes), made enquiries of the Company's directors and assessed accounting policies adopted by the directors, in order to gather sufficient evidence for our conclusion in this report.

This report is made solely to the Company's directors, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. It has been released to the directors on the basis that this report shall not be copied, referred to or disclosed, in whole (save for the directors' own internal purposes or as may be required by law or by a competent regulator) or in part, without our prior written consent. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the directors those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's directors as a body for our work, for this report or the conclusions we have formed.

**Respective responsibilities**

You have confirmed that you have met your duty as set out in the directors' statement. You consider that the Company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year. Our responsibility is to form and express an independent conclusion, based on the work carried out, to you on the accounts.

**Scope**

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales Interim Technical Release AAF 03/06. Our work was based primarily upon enquiry, analytical procedures and assessing accounting policies in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities. If we considered it to be necessary, we also performed limited examination of evidence relevant to certain balances and disclosures in the accounts where we became aware of matters that might indicate a risk of material misstatement in the accounts.

The terms of our engagement exclude any requirement to carry out a comprehensive assessment of the risks of material misstatement, a consideration of fraud, laws, regulations and internal controls, and we have not done so. We are not required to, and we do not, express an audit opinion on these accounts.

**Conclusion**

Based on our work, nothing has come to our attention to refute the directors' confirmation that in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

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27 October 2023

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**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**1 Accounting policies**

***Basis of preparation***

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

***Accounting convention***

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005).

***Fund accounting***

The following types of funds are maintained:-

***Unrestricted funds***

These represent funds that are expendable at the discretion of the directors in the furtherance of the objects of the charity. Part of the unrestricted fund balances are designated funds which have been earmarked by the directors for particular purposes.

***Restricted funds***

These represent grants, donations and other types of income which are allocated by the donor for specific purposes.

***Depreciation***

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the cost of assets less their estimated residual value, over their estimated useful lives.

Improvements to property	10% on cost
Plant and machinery	10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	25% on cost
Motor vehicles	20% on cost

***Incoming resources and resources expended***

The charitable company has taken advantage of the concessions given in Appendix 5 of SORP 2005 and does not analyse either income or expenditure by activities. The income and expenditure classifications used, therefore, in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) are natural ones.

***Incoming resources***

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, when entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Farm sales, investment income and membership fees are included when receivable.

Training and educational fees are recognised within the financial statements when receivable by way of performance of services.

***Resources expended***

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

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**2 Grants & service level agreements**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
London Borough of Barking & Dagenham service level agreement	25,000	-	25,000	25,000
London Borough of Barking & Dagenham Discretionary Grant	-	-	-	40,193
Charles S French Trust	-	-	-	-
Essex Youth Trust	-	-	-	-
Jack Petchey Foundation	-	1,800	1,800	14,702
CLA Charitable Trust	-	-	-	5,000
North Meet South Big Local	-	4,975	4,975	4,470
Marsh Christian Trust	-	-	-	-
OSHWAL Association	-	2,400	2,400	-
Provident Social Impact Fund	-	-	-	-
Tesco Groundwork	-	-	-	1,000
The Fore Trust	-	-	-	-
The Ninevah Trust	-	-	-	-
Grange Farm Centre Trust	-	-	-	-
London Community Foundation	-	-	-	-
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>9,175</u>	<u>34,175</u>	<u>90,365</u>

**3 Tangible fixed assets**

	Improvements to premises £	Furniture, fixtures & plant £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2022	109,793	43,635	28,620	182,048
At 31 March 2023	<u>109,793</u>	<u>43,635</u>	<u>28,620</u>	<u>182,048</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2022	109,793	43,635	28,620	182,048
At 31 March 2023	<u>109,793</u>	<u>43,635</u>	<u>28,620</u>	<u>182,048</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**4 Employees**

The directors and officers are unremunerated.

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5	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023 £	2022 £		
	Accrued expenses	2,777	1,217		
	Other creditors	-	780		
		<u>2,777</u>	<u>1,997</u>		
6	Movements in funds				
	Description and conditions	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Closing balance £
	Restricted funds				
	Jack Petchey Foundation	2,802	1,800	(1,732)	2,870
	CLA Charitable Trust	5,000	-	-	5,000
	North Meet South Big Local	4,470	4,975	(8,372)	1,073
	National Lottery Community Fund	5,910	-	(5,910)	-
	Essex Youth Trust	2,328	-	(2,328)	-
	OSHWAL Association	-	2,400	-	2,400
	NCIL 4th Round	4,421	-	(4,421)	-
	Provident Social Impact Fund	8,993	-	(8,993)	-
	Tesco Groundwork	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
	The Nineveh Trust	2,091	-	(2,091)	-
	Ford Trust Grant	201	-	(201)	-
	North Meet South Dragon's Den	208	-	(208)	-
	Greggs Foundation	371	-	(371)	-
	<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<u>37,795</u>	<u>9,175</u>	<u>(35,627)</u>	<u>11,343</u>
	Unrestricted Funds				
	Vehicle Replacement Fund	7,669	-	-	7,669
	Reserves fund	27,500	-	-	27,500
	LBBD	17,535	25,000	(37,235)	5,300
	<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<u>52,704</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>(37,235)</u>	<u>40,469</u>
	<b>General Fund</b>	72,169	157,403	(127,459)	102,113
	<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<u>124,873</u>	<u>182,403</u>	<u>(164,694)</u>	<u>142,582</u>

Following the discovery of an analysis discrepancy the opening balance figures for the Jack Petchey Foundation restricted fund and the General Fund were corrected.

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All restricted fund balances represent unspent grants which are carried forward for use in the next financial period.

The grants were given for the following purposes:-

**Jack Petchey Foundation**

The Farm runs a Youth Achievement Scheme awarded to young people between the ages of 11 and 25 and is expended at their discretion within the charity's activities. We were also awarded two grants.

**1- Jack Petchey Give Something Back Grant**

To run a youth volunteering project for young people to volunteer and give back to their local community. The project is for 11 to 18 year olds to volunteer at the Farm during school holidays. The key benefits of the programme are that the young people are learning new skills with like-minded people at a community farm.

**2- The Jack Petchey Covid-19 Recovery Fund**

This grant was awarded to the Farm to enable staff to return from furlough to support and supervise the young people 11 to 25 years in London/Essex. The project increased the number of young people able to attend after lockdown and during the Covid-19 pandemic. This was achieved through work experience, work placements, extra-curricular activities particularly Special Educational Needs pupils, and longer-term volunteer places for young people not in education, employment or training (NEET).

**Charles S French Trust**

This grant was awarded to the Farm to contribute to the Farm Manager's salary costs. This enabled the Farm Manager to return from furlough to plan and set up new Covid-19 secure working practices; this will allow the return of other staff for training, then in turn volunteering and educational activities to resume as permitted by Government guidelines.

**National Lottery Community Fund**

This was originally awarded for the running of the Wellgate Farm Summer Community Events. Due to the pandemic we requested a change of plan and the grant has been used to fund two projects:

1. Spring Back to Life - Plan for reopening to the general public in a Covid safe way for small groups of people to attend for booked visits at set times.

2. Wellgate Challenge and Farm Show - this funded a programme of events and activities for our service users in a socially distanced style. We ran a programme of challenges and activities and an animal show for all farm volunteers, students and young farmers.

**Essex Youth Trust**

£3,000 was awarded to help fund the costs of the weekend Young Farmers' Club and £3,000 to fund our rabbit house.

**Garfield Weston**

This grant was awarded to help close the funding gap for 2019/20 and to contribute towards Farm core costs as well as offset the full costs of delivering services to disadvantaged people whilst maintaining our ethos of inclusivity.



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**NCIL 4th Round**

This funding is to contribute towards the replacement of our old rabbit house which is no longer fit for purpose. This resource will support educational and volunteering activities at the Farm.

**Provident Social Impact Fund**

This grant was used to support the Branching Out project providing supported volunteer places for young people 18 to 30 not in education, employment or training and those transitioning from education.

**Tesco Groundwork**

This grant was awarded to contribute towards purchase of equipment and materials enabling the Farm to reopen the Young Farmers Club and volunteering project safely.

**The Fore Trust- Raft Emergency Fund**

This grant was used to support the Farm through loss of income due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**The Nineveh Trust**

Funding towards the replacement costs of the old rabbit house, no longer fit for purpose.

**North Meet South**

The grant was awarded to the Farm to employ a horticulture coordinator who will be able to deliver the project. The horticulture coordinator will be working with plot owners to give advice on how to maintain their plots and offer assistance but will also work with local schools and other residents at the communal plot.

**Greggs Foundation**

This was awarded to regenerate the old young farmers garden, transforming a neglected corner of the Farm into an improved garden with safer fences, adding wheelchair access, interpretation signs and raised beds for vegetables, herbs and fruit bushes.

**CLA Charitable Trust**

This grant was awarded to the Farm to contribute to the purchase of a horsebox.

**London Borough of Barking & Dagenham**

This is a service level grant towards the core costs of the Farm. Additional discretionary funding was granted which was used to support the Farm through the loss of income due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**WELLGATE COMMUNITY FARM**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds:</b>			
Grants and service level Income	2	34,175	90,365
Charitable activities		130,954	92,586
Generated funds		16,963	8,761
Income - miscellaneous		992	591
Donations / voluntary		8,174	13,518
Donations / grants		320	15
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>191,578</b>	<b>205,836</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Charitable activities		(1,162)	(30)
Community involvement		(33,167)	(23,128)
Running and support costs		(21,773)	(27,057)
Pay costs		(139,910)	(126,557)
Miscellaneous expenses		(498)	(340)
Vehicle expenses		(2,707)	(10,616)
Governance costs		(1,104)	(1,482)
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>(200,321)</b>	<b>(189,210)</b>
<b>Net outgoing / incoming resources before other recognised gains and losses</b>			
		<b>(8,743)</b>	<b>16,626</b>
<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>			
		<b>(8,743)</b>	<b>16,626</b>

**WELLGATE COMMUNITY FARM**  
**Registered number: 2818238**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		156,702	164,665
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	5	(2,777)	(1,997)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>153,925</u>	<u>162,668</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>153,925</u>	<u>162,668</u>
Representing:			
<b>The Funds of the Charity</b>			
Unrestricted income funds	6	142,582	124,873
Restricted income funds	6	11,343	37,795
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>153,925</u>	<u>162,668</u>

The directors are satisfied that the Company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.