

WELLGATE COMMUNITY FARM

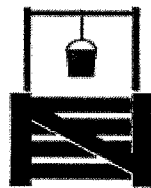
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

COMPANY NO. 04370324 (ENGLAND AND WALES)

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1091729

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025



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COMMUNITY FARM

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COMPANY INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Directors (Trustees)	Rev Roger Gayler Julia Moran Christine Mackenzie Rebecca Snell Clare Rowley Victoria Geary Stephen Webb Kirsty Hanmore Robert Brown until 06/06/24 Robert Gayler until 16/01/25
Company Secretary	Michelle Nathan
Company Number	4370324 (England and Wales) Incorporated 8th February 2002
Charity Number	1091729 Registered 24 April 2002
Registered Office	Wellgate Community Farm Collier Row Road Collier Row Romford RM5 2BH
Independent Examiner	Kim Lee, F.C.M.A. mip, A.T.T. Mawney Accountancy

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ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Structure, governance and management

The governing documents are the memorandum and articles incorporated 8 February 2002.

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2025. The annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' and a directors' report under company law. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1, the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, SORP (FRS 102); and the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK

Aims and Purposes

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 advisers of all such persons.

Objectives and 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, developing emotionally, socially, intellectually, physically and spiritually through educational, recreational and therapeutic activities.

Over 43 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 has continued to work with several organisations including those serving our local disabled community and these include Jaktol Day Care Centre for those on the spectrum, DABD, NELFT, THREE Cs, Five Rivers, King George Hospital, The H Foundation, Robert Clark School, Little Heath Barley Lane Special Needs School and Oak View who have continued to regularly bring groups here to visit and engage in Farm educational and recreational activities.

Wellgate Community Farm plays a crucial role in building a vibrant, diverse culture and we have managed to connect with more diverse groups in our area including those who are home schooled or in need of social prescribing services. We have reached out to more community organisations including Barking and Dagenham Citizens Alliance network, Participate volunteer group, NHS property services Group and Youth Futures Foundation.

The Farm's mobile animal visits are a vital source of revenue to the Farm and a fundamental part of our educational programme, giving children the opportunity to learn about animals and where food comes from. This year we introduced short repeat therapy sessions of animal encounters in schools working alongside special needs children education support networks. These sessions have enabled these young people to come up close to farm animals in a safer environment but also to enable them have relaxed periods in schools which has played a big role in the care and education of these children

Fundraising Initiatives and Community Events

Wellgate Community Farm continued to host its much-loved annual events, including Spring Babies, St. Patrick's Day – March Hare Tea Party, Open Day, Halloween, Christmas Celebration, Wellgate Summer Show, and the Summer Holiday Animal Encounters Day. These events not only brought the community together but also helped raise awareness of the Farm's work.

In addition to on-site events, the Farm participated in 15 shopping mall events, which played a vital role in fundraising efforts to support the upkeep and development of our green space.

To sustain and grow our programmes, we applied for grants from several key funders, including Garfield Weston Foundation, National Lottery Fund, London Community Foundation, NCIL, Cory Group, Co-op Foundation, Children in Need, and Jack Petchey Foundation.

We also established a bi-monthly partnership with Wickes, who generously donate tools and materials to support the maintenance of the Farm site.

Our strong relationships with local schools, preschools, day nurseries, churches, and community centres remain central to our outreach. We regularly attend educational and social events with our animals, enriching the lives of children and adults alike. This year, we expanded our outreach to include more care homes, with plans to establish regular visits to these settings in the near future.

All of these events and activities provide the local community with meaningful opportunities to learn about animals and enjoy quality recreational experiences in a safe, engaging environment.

Our Farm Shop continues to serve as a vital point of contact for the local community. Operated on days when volunteers are available, the shop offers farm-fresh eggs, vegetables, herbs, and plants, all grown and produced by our dedicated team of horticultural and shop volunteers. This initiative not only supports sustainable living but also strengthens community ties through local engagement.

Educational and Training activities

Local children have greatly benefited from the Farm's educational initiatives, both through school visits and trips to the farm itself.

Over the past year, the Farm welcomed 55 school groups, ranging from Early Years to Key Stage 2, for engaging educational activity sessions. Additionally, our mobile education programme reached 28 schools, bringing the farm experience directly to classrooms.

We also introduced 14 bespoke animal therapy and encounter sessions tailored for children in mainstream education with special educational needs (SEND), providing meaningful and inclusive experiences.

Furthermore, four local schools participated in weekly term-time visits, offering SEND students opportunities for hands-on learning and work experience.

The Farm hosted 10 children's birthday parties, where young guests enjoyed a unique rural celebration, including petting and feeding animals.

Expanding our outreach, we visited six care homes, delivering personalized animal encounter sessions that brought joy and comfort to residents.

Secondary school students have participated in the Farm's alternative education programme, gaining valuable experience through work placements and training sessions. Several schools referred Key Stage 3 and 4 pupils who face challenges attending mainstream education full-time. These students, including those with severe and profound learning difficulties, physical disabilities, and those on the autistic spectrum, have benefited from tailored educational activities at the Farm.

More than 40 children aged 8 to 18 attended our Young Farmers Club, took part in Duke of Edinburgh training, and attended Farmer for a Day session, all designed to foster practical skills and a connection to nature.

The Farm also welcomed adults referred by a range of support organisations for training opportunities. These included homeless support groups, disability services, Job Centres, colleges, Mind, DABD, Richmond Fellowship, Good Mayes Hospital, YMCA, King's Trust, LBBD College, and Shaw Trust.

We hosted five uniformed youth groups—including Brownies, Beavers, Squirrels, and Scouts—who earned badges in animal care and gardening through hands-on experiences on the Farm.

During school half-terms, our Farmer for a Day activity sessions engaged young people in outdoor learning, increasing public access to green spaces and promoting environmental awareness. These sessions helped foster a deeper connection between the Farm and the local community, while supporting teachers in meeting curriculum goals and inspiring students to achieve their educational potential.

We have continued to teach gardening, maintenance skills, and environmental awareness to our Young Farmers and volunteers, who actively care for the Farm's horticultural plots.

The Farm proudly continues to run the Jack Petchey Silver Achievement Award Scheme, which celebrates the accomplishments of our students, Young Farmers, and young volunteers. This initiative also provides valuable funding for essential equipment, helping us maintain and enhance our facilities.

As part of our Hands On Partnership with Lambourne End Centre, the Farm delivers animal care qualifications to secondary school students who face challenges in mainstream education. These students work towards Level 1 City & Guilds qualifications in Land-Based Studies, attending between one and three days per week. Last year, 56 students participated, achieving an impressive 85% success rate. Many of these young people are in care or have special educational needs, low confidence, behavioural difficulties, or poor school attendance. Others join the programme due to a strong interest in pursuing careers in the animal care industry.

The Hands On project saw great success over the summer, with all students completing their full term and earning their qualifications. Each participant completed at least two units, helping them secure places in further education. Notably, several students discovered a passion for practical work and chose to pursue trades, with many now enrolled at Writtle College, Capel Manor College, and The Really NEET College.

Wellgate Community Farm continued to provide valuable work experience opportunities for secondary and tertiary students. Over the academic year, more than 40 students completed placements lasting between one and three weeks, gaining hands-on experience in a unique learning environment.

We also offered 72 work experience placements specifically for students with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND). Feedback from schools and referral agencies highlighted the scarcity of inclusive work experience opportunities, expressing deep appreciation for the Farm's commitment. As one school shared:

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank Wellgate Community Farm, and the staffing teams, for giving our young people a chance and helping them to settle into their placements. The pupils have gained invaluable experience. We hope to be able to continue our partnership with you this year."

— Little Heath School

In addition, the Farm hosted 40 college placements, each involving 150 hours of practical experience. Students came from a range of institutions, including Barking and Dagenham College, Riverside Bridge (Barking), Shuttleworth College, King's Trust, Writtle College, Capel Manor College, and USP College.

Through these diverse programmes and partnerships, Wellgate Community Farm reached approximately 20,000 young people, offering meaningful experiences that support personal growth, skill development, and pathways to further education and employment.

Allotments

The Allotments Project has continued to thrive this year, running smoothly and producing impressive results. Several plots yielded crops throughout the year—even into December—which is a remarkable achievement. This success reflects our ongoing mission to inspire people to grow their own food and demonstrate what's possible not only on-site but also in their own homes and gardens.

In response to requests from plot-holders, we introduced two beehives on a trial basis. While these have since returned to their original location, we are planning to welcome bees back as permanent residents in 2025.

The project is designed to enhance practical skills, promote wellbeing, and strengthen community cohesion. Through hands-on experience, participants are encouraged to engage in food growing, which supports healthier lifestyles through increased physical activity and improved nutrition.

Volunteering and Community Inclusion

The Farm continues to provide meaningful volunteering opportunities for individuals and groups of all ages and abilities. In the past year, we offered over 2,000 volunteering placements—an increase made possible through successful funding that supports volunteers in gaining valuable experience and developing essential skills. We are deeply grateful to our funders for enabling this growth.

Our volunteers play a vital role in maintaining the Farm as a clean, safe, and welcoming public space. Through ongoing training, they acquire practical skills that help ensure the site remains accessible and enjoyable for all visitors. As the public face of the Farm, volunteers greet guests, offer guided tours, and facilitate animal encounters, fostering a sense of connection and community. Their efforts help promote inclusivity, pride in our Borough, and contribute to reducing anti-social behaviour by encouraging positive engagement.

We are especially proud to support weekly volunteering sessions for young people aged 13–19 from special needs day care centres. These sessions provide enriching experiences for individuals with severe and profound learning difficulties, physical disabilities, and those on the autistic spectrum, offering them opportunities to participate meaningfully in community life.

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. We are grateful to all the corporate groups that have helped to carry out repairs on the farm site including donating materials. The farm will continue to engage with more groups for better sustainability. We receive many enquiries from people and groups from our local community to help them gain work experience, life skills and volunteering opportunities to increase their involvement in the community and improve 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. We have given out more feedback forms to those doing work experience and weekday volunteering. We will be using these to develop new projects as well as grant applications and reports. 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.

The Trustee Board has continued to review and manage budgets to ensure compliance and strengthen governance. In 2024, we welcomed two new trustees, Christine Mackenzie and Julia Shewry, both of whom bring extensive expertise in fundraising and financial management.

Staff training remains a cornerstone of our commitment to ongoing development and regulatory compliance. Recognising the evolving needs of our team, the HR department has expanded its training offerings. In addition to the standard courses, tailored training programmes were assigned to specific staff members based on their roles and responsibilities.

These include:

- Cyber security best practices
- Understanding GDPR
- Time management
- Managing investigation & disciplinary
- Disciplinary outcome & appeal procedure
- Cyber security best practices
- Equality at work: Introduction to UK discrimination laws
- Equality, diversity & inclusion awareness
- Mental health awareness
- Neurodiversity
- Mental health awareness
- When to be assertive
- Whistleblowing

Future Plans

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

To maintain and develop our partnership with Barking & Dagenham Council and Social Farms and Gardens to increase our partnership working. Specifically, to review and renew our partnership agreement with Lambourne End Outdoor Centre.

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.

It is certain now that the Ecogrove development will no longer come to fruition and therefore the Farm will not be extending our site nor will benefit from any re-development in the immediate future. We will continue to be aware of any proposed development on our boundaries and the impact on our effectiveness.

To continue to improve the site and resources for the community. This will include investigating and developing a business plan to see if reducing the number of poultry and introducing alpacas would be a viable option. There are also plans to renovate the conservation and horticulture areas.

Risk Management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Charity faces or may face and confirm that systems are in place to enable regular reports to be produced, so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen any such risks. The principal risks faced by the charity are the sustainability of income, and the ongoing restraint over, and control of, operating costs. Both of these risks are under constant review and monitoring.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Charities SORP. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial Review

The results of the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 3.

In the year, the charity has generated income of £227,568, (£211,069 - 2024). Total costs incurred were £227,574, (£222,434 - 2024), leaving a current period surplus of income over expenditure of £6.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

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.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to have free reserves to cover 6 months of running costs and a minimum of 3 months, (£51,774). 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. The balance shown on unrestricted funds, at 31st March 2025 amounted to £103,735.

**Approved by the Directors / Trustees
and signed on their behalf by:**



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**Reverend R Gayler
Director and Trustee**

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company, for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 3 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees (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.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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

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 accounting 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

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.

Mawney Accountancy
1 Beech Street
Romford
Essex
RM7 7LA

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Kim Lee, F.C.M.A. mip, A.T.T.

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10/11/25
Dated

WELLGATE COMMUNITY FARM
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025			2024		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME							
Donations and legacies	2	32,357	20,472	52,829	28,134	58,767	86,901
Charitable activities	2	146,142	-	146,142	106,457	-	106,457
Other trading activities	2	21,217	-	21,217	16,054	-	16,054
Disposal of Van	2	7,381	-	7,381	1,657	-	1,657
Total income and endowments		207,096	20,472	227,568	152,302	58,767	211,069
Expenditure on							
Charitable activities	4	192,232	30,460	222,692	198,256	17,049	218,869
Raising funds	4	4,816	66	4,882	3,565	-	3,565
Other income	4						
Total resources expended		197,048	30,526	227,574	201,821	17,049	222,434
Net (Expenditure)/Income for the period before transfers		10,048 -	10,054 -	6	- 49,519	41,718 -	7,800
Transfers between funds		666 -	666	-	333 -	333	-
Exchange gains / losses		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		10,714 -	10,720 -	6	- 49,185	41,385 -	7,800
Total funds brought forward	11	93,021	52,895	145,916	142,206	11,510.00	153,716
Total funds carried forward	11	103,735	42,175	145,910	93,021	52,895	145,916

The notes on pages 5 to 9 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>Note</u>	<u>31.03.25</u>	<u>31.03.24</u>
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	7	4,800	-
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		104,042	132,710
Debtors and prepayments	8	44,002	19,155
		<u>148,044</u>	<u>151,865</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>6,934</u>	<u>5,949</u>
Net current assets		<u>141,110</u>	<u>145,915</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>145,910</u></u>	<u><u>145,915</u></u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds	11	103,735	93,021
Restricted funds	11	42,175	52,895
		<u><u>145,910</u></u>	<u><u>145,916</u></u>

The members consider that for the period ended 31 March 2025 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirements to have an audit under the provision of Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. No member or members have deposited a notice requesting an audit for the current financial period under Section 476 of the Act.

The trustees/directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial period in accordance with the requirements of Sections 393 and 394, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

Approved by the directors and trustees on 10th Nov 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

RKSjl

Director and trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting policies

(a) General information

The company is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered

(b) Basis of preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) effective 1 January 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

(c) Activities

The financial statements include the results of the charity's operations as described in the directors' and trustees' annual report.

(d) Income recognition

Income of all kinds is accounted for when receivable, i.e. in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. No permanent endowments have been received in the period.

(e) Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured.

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

All core cost categories are regarded as being in furtherance of the Charity's objects, as described in the Annual Report.

(f) Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor, are reflected in the statement of financial activities as incurred.

(g) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The current economic conditions present increased risks for all businesses. In response to such conditions, the directors/trustees have carefully considered these risks, including an assessment of uncertainty on future trading projection for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements, and the extent to which they might affect the preparation of the financial statements.

The directors/trustees have concluded that the going concern basis remains appropriate.

1. Accounting policies (continued)**(h) Tangible Fixed Assets**

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

Plant and Equipment	10%	of cost per annum on a straight line basis
Fixtures and fittings	25%	of cost per annum on a straight line basis
Motor Vehicles	20%	of cost per annum on a straight line basis

A de-minimis limit of £1,000 is applied under which fixed assets are not capitalised.

(i) Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

Unrestricted funds

These are funds that can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the directors.

Designated funds

These are unrestricted funds that the directors have designated for particular purposes. The designation may be cancelled by the directors if they later decide that the charity should not proceed or continue with the use or project for which the funds were designated.

Restricted funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restriction arise when specified by a grantor or when funds are raised for a particular purpose.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 20252. **Income**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies:						
Donations and gifts	6,239		6,239	5,695		5,695
Grants	21,959	20,472	42,431	20,075	58,767	78,842
Fundraising schemes	103		103	1,543		1,543
Memberships	205		205	95		95
Corporate groups	3,051		3,051			
Other	800		800	497		497
Allotments			-	230		230
	32,357	20,472	52,829	28,134	58,767	86,901
Charitable activities:						
Education	42,047		42,047	23,910	-	23,910
Recreational Activities	2,881		2,881	100	-	100
Supported Volunteering	10,402		10,402	17,323	-	17,323
Training	90,812		90,812	65,125	-	65,125
	146,142	-	146,142	106,457	-	106,457
Other trading activities:						
Animal Boarding	467		467	358		358
Events	10,186		10,186	6,747		6,747
Farm Sales	3,265		3,265	3,132		3,132
Shop Sales	7,298		7,298	5,817		5,817
Other	-		-	-		-
	21,217	-	21,217	16,054	-	16,054
Miscellaneous Income :						
Refunds to farm			-	1,657		1,657
Disposal of van	7,381		7,381			-
	7,381	-	7,381	1,657	-	1,657
	207,096	20,472	227,568	152,302	58,767	211,069

3. **Grants & service level agreements**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Clothworkers Foundation			-	-	20,000	20,000
Co-op Local Community Fund	1,959		1,959			
Cory Community Foundation		7,372	7,372			
Essex Youth Trust			-	-	3,000	3,000
Garfield Weston Foundation	20,000		20,000			
Jack Petchey Foundation		3,100	3,100	-	3,785	3,785
LBBD service level agreement			-	20,075	-	20,075
LCF - Vanquis		10,000	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
National Lottery Community Fund			-	-	9,738	9,738
NCIL			-	-	9,748	9,748
North Meet South Big Local			-	-	2,496	2,496
	21,959	20,472	42,431	20,075	58,767	78,842

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 20254. Expenditure

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Generating Funds						
Event costs	4,816	66	4,882	3,565	-	3,565
	4,816	66	4,882	3,565	-	3,565
Charitable activities						
Administration	2,927	800	3,727	3,263	51	3,314
Insurance	6,352	1,334	7,685	4,340	-	4,340
Animal costs	18,095	1,095	19,190	15,765	50	15,815
Farm costs	2,563	927	3,490	8,590	503	9,093
Support costs	4,078	-	4,078	4,230	-	4,230
Rent	5,300	-	5,300	10,600	-	10,600
Bin collection	1,599	-	1,599	-	-	-
Repairs & Maintenance	552	417	969	1,805	663	2,468
Small Tools & Equipment	316	10	326	284	66	351
Site improvements	2,498	2,749	5,247	1,984	4,556	6,541
Corporate groups	1,973	-	1,973	-	-	-
Staff costs	136,103	22,817	158,920	136,364	10,948	147,312
Payroll preparation	794	-	794	1,221	-	1,221
DBS checks (staff & volunteers)	285	-	285	-	-	-
Travel	562	-	562	1,001	-	1,001
Training	-	-	-	1,169	-	1,169
Utilities	3,974	311	4,285	3,968	128	4,097
Vehicle Expenses	3,063	-	3,063	3,671	82	3,753
Depreciation	1,200	-	1,200	-	-	-
	192,232	30,460	222,692	198,256	17,049	215,305
	197,048	30,526	227,574	201,821	17,049	218,869

5. Staff costs and Trustees' Remuneration

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Salaries and wages	152,205	142,876
Social security costs (less employers NI allowance)	4,299	2,341
Pension costs	2,416	2,082
	158,920	147,299
Average number of employees	12	11

(i) James Snell, Imogen Snell and Elizabeth Webb who are employed by the company are related to a trustee. The total salaries figure includes amounts paid to them in accordance with their terms of employment.

(ii) No employee received emoluments above £60,000.

6. Support costs

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	1,600	1,750
Accountancy fees	-	1,050
Legal and professional fees	2,040	1,078
Memberships	438	352
	4,078	4,230

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7. Tangible Fixed Assets

	<u>Improvements to Premises</u>	<u>Furniture, Fixtures & Plant</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	109,793	43,635	28,620	182,048
At 31 March 2025	<u>109,793</u>	<u>43,635</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>159,428</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	109,793	43,635	28,620	182,048
At 31 March 2025	<u>109,793</u>	<u>43,635</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>154,628</u>
Net book Value				
At 1 April 2024	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,800</u>	<u>4,800</u>

All fixed assets are held for direct charitable purposes.

8. Current Assets

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Accrued Income	22,305	2,111
Prepayments	221	-
Sundry debtors	21,475	2,044
Other debtors	-	15,000
	<u>44,002</u>	<u>19,155</u>

The directors continue to pursue the return of the deposit paid for a new horsebox.

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Sundry creditors	-	-
Other taxes and social security costs	-	-
Accruals & deferred income	6,934	5,949
	<u>6,934</u>	<u>5,949</u>

The accruals figure for 2023 has been restated following the discovery of an input error.

10. Analysis of net assets by funds

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Unrestricted income fund	103,735	93,021
Restricted funds	42,175	52,895
	<u>145,910</u>	<u>145,916</u>

The unrestricted income fund represents net income unexpended and undesignated at the date of the balance sheet. These funds comprise those monies which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the objects of the Charity, as defined in the constitution.

The restricted funds represent monies given for specific projects or purposes.

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 202511. **Funds and reserves**

	At 01-Apr-24	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	At 31-Mar-25
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
CLA Charitable Trust	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Clothworkers Foundation	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Cory Community Foundation	-	7,372	- 250	-	7,122
Essex Youth Trust	-	-	-	-	-
Jack Petchey Environmental Achieve	-	300	- 11	-	289
Jack Petchey Leader Award	-	1,000	- 1,000	-	-
Jack Petchey Trip Grant	84	-	-	-	84
Jack Petchey YAA recognition award	152	-	- 152	-	-
Jack Petchey Youth Achievement	3,153	1,800	- 3,194	-	1,759
LCF - Vanquis	7,040	10,000	- 8,453	- 666	7,921
National Lottery Community Fund	8,550	-	- 8,550	-	-
NCIL - LBBD	7,916	-	- 7,916	-	-
North Meet South Big Local	1,000	-	- 1,000	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	52,895	20,472	- 30,526	- 666	42,175
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>					
Co-op Local Community Fund	-	1,959	- 1,959	-	-
Garfield Weston	-	20,000	- 16,667	-	3,333
General funds	54,852	185,137	- 178,422	666	62,233
	54,852	207,096	- 197,048	666	65,566
<u>Designated funds</u>					
LBBD	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves fund	27,500	-	-	-	27,500
Vehicle Replacement Fund	10,669	-	-	-	10,669
	38,169	-	-	-	38,169
Total Unrestricted Funds	93,021	207,096	- 197,048	666	103,735
Total Funds	145,915	227,568	- 227,574	-	145,910

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:-

Co-op Local Community Fund

This year the Fund supported the Farm to raise money to contribute to the running costs of the Allotment Project, allowing the Farm to assign a staff member to support allotment holders.

Garfield Weston

This was granted to contribute to core costs of Farm.

Cory Community Foundation

This was granted to support the re-development of the horticulture and wildlife area at the Farm.

11. Funds and reserves cont.**Jack Petchey Foundation**

The Jack Petchey Youth Achievement Award Scheme is run at the Farm which grants several awards per year for young people between the ages of 11 and 25 and expended at their discretion within the charity's activities.

1 - Jack Petchey Youth Achievement Award Recognition Grant

This scheme allows the farm to nominate young people between the ages of 11 and 25 for an achievement award to celebrate their dedication and hard work. Recipients receive a certificate, pin badge and a book and can choose how to spend their grant allocation to benefit the Farm.

2 - Jack Petchey Leader Award

This is for an adult staff member or volunteer who has been nominated by the young people at the Farm for their dedication to supporting young people and going above and beyond for the Farm.

3 - Jack Petchey Environmental Achieve'

This is awarded to a young volunteer or farm participant for their outstanding work in supporting awareness of climate issues and sustainability in their local community.

London Community Fund - Vanquis

This was granted to provide support and supervision for volunteers and to contribute to general running costs of the Farm.

12. Company limited by guarantee

Wellgate Community Farm is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital.

13. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year other than those disclosed in note 5.