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SCOTSWOOD NATURAL COMMUNITY GARDEN LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022



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The Trustees are pleased to present their annual Directors' report together with financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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Chair's Comments:

Reading this report fills me with huge pride at the wide range of activities that the staff and volunteers continue to deliver to the Scotswood Community. It would be easy to forget that all of this work has been completed as society emerged from covid restrictions and while the garden embarked on an ambitious rebuilding of the Garden House.



Please take the time to read the whole report as it really does capture the fantastic work that the charity does.

I have been involved with the Garden for over 10 years now and that has given me the opportunity to witness the growth of activities delivered by Karen and the team. I remember the start of our first Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award group. In 2023 we expect to see our first Gold Award recipients head off to Buckingham Palace to receive their awards. I recall the beginnings of the Forest School programme and am delighted to see how that has flourished. The evidence of its success is confirmed by the research carried out by the Breeze project. It has been exciting to see the garden improve in recent years. It now feels much more connected.

I have also been impressed by the growth of Sticky Business and excited at the new opportunities for plant sales now that we have access to greenhouse and polytunnel facilities. Anyone who has attended our Open Days over the last 10 years cannot have failed to notice the changes to the diversity of people now enjoying all that the charity has to offer. You will see from the report that staff and volunteers are involved in an Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Review. We have a lot to be proud of, but we want to do more to welcome a diverse range of people to the garden as visitors, volunteers, staff and trustees.

Chris Francis, Chair

Company Information

Company Number: 07523792 (England and Wales)

Status: The Company is limited by guarantee. In the event of winding-up, the maximum amount required to be contributed by each member is £1

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Address: Scotswood Natural Community Garden, John Marley Centre, Yewcroft Avenue,
 Scotswood, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE15 6TU

Patrons

Ed Tyler and Rob Higgins

Trustees/Directors at 31st March 2022

Christopher Francis	Chair
Stephanie Cole	Deputy Chair
Miles Henderson	Treasurer
Vanessa Cutter	Secretary
Chris Warburton- Brown	Appointed 26/01/2022
Victoria Whincup	Stepped down 08/12/2021
Alice Holliday	Stepped down 30/06/2021

2021/22 Staff

Karen Dobson	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Farah Kurji	Development Manager
Claire Forman	Business Development Officer
Ann Stafford	Office & Finance Administrator
Harriet Menter	Education Manager
Rosie Tyson	Education Officer
Nicky Sargeant	Play & Youth Manager
Amber Cooperthwaite	Youth Worker
Susan Byrnes	Youth Worker
Michaela Wate	Youth Worker
Luke Bailey	Lead Detached Youth Worker
Caroline Roach	Youth Worker
Alice Holliday	Detached Youth Worker
Nikita Wetherson	Youth Work Assistant - Kickstart Placement
Leanne Defty	Older People's Services Manager & Wellbeing Officer
Jenny Hopper	Older People's Garden Officer
Sean Clay	Garden & Community Manager & Garden Officer
Mike Whatmore	Plant Nursery Garden Officer
Claire Metcalfe	Plant Nursery Garden Assistant
Dylan Mackell	Garden Assistant - Kickstart Placement
Sam Atkinson	Garden Assistant - Kickstart Placement
Andrew Downey	Garden Assistant

We also employ a number of sessional staff for volunteer, youth and education sessions.

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Scotswood Natural Community Garden was established

- To provide and maintain a public garden or gardens for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of the north east region and others in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving conditions of life for the said inhabitants:
- To advance knowledge and understanding of the environmental, economic and social dimensions of sustainability.

Mission

To inspire and promote learning about nature, the environment and sustainable living whilst having a positive impact on people's health & wellbeing.

Values

- We listen to the people in our community using their views to plan and deliver our work.
- We treat people with dignity and respect.
- We ensure equality of opportunity and access.

Strategic Objectives

- To maintain the community garden for the benefit of the wider community and provide a haven for native flora and fauna to flourish.
- To improve the health, wellbeing and fitness of the wider community.
- To support and enable people to gain new skills and knowledge and to develop their creativity.
- To develop a cohesive and sustainable community in Scotswood.
- To educate people about how to better live sustainably.
- To maintain long term sustainability of Scotswood Natural Community Garden.

Core Strands of Work 2021/22

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| ● Volunteering & Training | ● Youth & Play Programme |
| ● Older People's Services | ● Outreach & Community Events |
| ● Education and Training | |

It's been another busy year at the Garden and fantastic to be back outside delivering mostly face to face work and seeing the Garden being used by our community again. The Garden has gone from strength to strength and this year has seen us expanding our staff team, starting new projects and partnerships and developing work which will strengthen the organisation and make us more equitable, inclusive and sustainable in the longer term.

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Eco Building Project

Anyone who has visited us at the Garden House will know that we have needed additional indoor space for many years. We are very pleased and relieved that the new building project has made progress this year after considerable covid-related delays and setbacks. We have been working closely with Eco Architect Henry Amos, from Brightblue Studio in North Shields, to finalise the design and ensure that the relevant permissions are in place. We were delighted to be awarded planning permission in December 2021 which was shortly followed by an office and kitchen move into rented space at the John Marley Centre where we'll be while construction is taking place until we can move into the new building in September 2023. Fundraising for the building is ongoing to respond to global price hikes but we are very grateful to our funders at **NE LEP Local Growth Fund**, **Tudor Trust** and others for their continued support and flexibility through what has been a long and sometimes frustrating process. The new building will triple our indoor space and will provide much needed classroom, volunteer meeting space, a new training kitchen, storage and office facilities allowing us to further develop our work and start new projects that we don't currently have space for. The building has been designed with permaculture principles and environmental sustainability at its heart. Videos based on Architect's drawings are on our Youtube Channel and updates posted on social media.

Stills taken from video of new building



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Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Review

2021 has brought renewed determination to ensure that as an organisation, we are as inclusive and welcoming as we can be. In partnership with West End Refugee Service, we have embarked on a process of review and training with a view to making long lasting improvements and embed anti-discriminatory and anti-racist practices across all our work, communications and structures. We have started a process of training and internal self assessment and have been lucky to have worked with consultant Ngozi Lyn Cole who will continue to provide training, guidance and support over the coming year. Huge thanks to **Lloyds Bank Foundation** for their support and for funding the review. This work with Ngozi will result in a renewed EDI strategy and yearly action plan implemented by a working group, regular training for staff and mutual peer support with West End Refugee Service (WERS). We are also in the process of becoming a designated 'Garden of Sanctuary'.



Environmental Impact Review

As an organisation we are reviewing how we can minimise our negative impact and maximise our positive impact on the environment. We have formed a working group and are revisiting the One Planet Principles, working through the framework suggested by BioRegional. <https://www.bioregional.com/one-planet-living/>

Communities Looking After Wildlife in Scotswood Project

In August 2021, we were delighted to be awarded a grant of £249,400 from the **Green Recovery Challenge Fund** which is being delivered by The National Lottery Heritage Fund in partnership with Natural England and the Environment Agency. Communities Looking After Wildlife in Scotswood started in September 2021 and brings together all of our core strands of work into one project which aims to improve wellbeing and knowledge of the natural environment through deeper connection to nature. By the end of the project people who use the Garden will have taken action to protect wildlife through regular participation in nature based activities, environmental education workshops, conservation volunteering and

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training. The funding has allowed us to improve habitats supporting UK Biodiversity Action Plan protected species and work with new partners including the fantastic West End Refugee Service (WERS), Environmental Records Information Centre NE (ERIC) and Marie Curie Hospice. 5 full time equivalent jobs have been retained and we have created two new posts for young people through the Kickstart scheme, three new part time posts at the Garden and two part time Linkworker posts at WERS to provide information and support for adults and children seeking sanctuary to participate in the Garden's activities. 114 WERS clients have enjoyed coming to our regular groups and a further 49 people have come to outreach sessions. Regular participants include 2 older people who are participating in our Elderberries programme, 13 new volunteers, 99 adults and children who have come to our community events or joined our youth groups. In addition, we have delivered 5 nature based sessions at WERS Garden as a way to build a connection with nature and our staff in a familiar setting before people come to the Garden.

Volunteering & Training Programme

Garden Volunteer Team

We must start by thanking all of our incredible volunteers who have given their time, skills and energy to make the Garden such a special place. April 2021 saw us once again reopening after having to close the garden during the COVID lockdown. Volunteer sessions restarted with 6 shorter sessions for small groups every week, with social distancing in place. These sessions have grown slowly in size over the year as restrictions have eased. We were really happy to once again be able to welcome new volunteers to the garden team in June 2021, having had to keep the team a closed group since the first COVID lockdown.

Amid all the restrictions and challenges brought by the pandemic, our amazing volunteer team have worked so hard over the last year to keep the garden looking beautiful, ensure it remains a haven for local wildlife and is ever more productive with fruit and veg. We have worked with **80 volunteers** this year (a new record we think!) who have contributed **over 4500 hours** to the garden. We are truly grateful for all their generous support. The new paths in the veg garden area were completed this year; they look fantastic and have made the area much more accessible. Our volunteer team also helped transform the old butterfly garden into a new growing area and base for the Early Explorers group. In March 2022, willow worker and former trustee Ruth Thompson came to work on our many willow structures around the garden to restore and repair these where needed. Volunteers enjoyed a great day learning how to create and repair simple willow structures.



We were proud to be awarded our 16th Community Green Flag Award in 2021, testament once again to the dedication and skill of our garden volunteers.

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2021 also saw the start of an exciting new project for the garden team with the opening of our community plant nursery, based in the John Marley Centre. Mike Whatmore joined the team in November 2021 to run the plant nursery and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the role. The nursery will focus on growing pollinator friendly perennials, lots of which will be distributed for free to local schools, groups and residents



as well as going into our own garden. We are aiming to increase and diversify the pollinator friendly planting in the garden and across the whole local area, while also generating some income for the garden. Mike and the volunteer team have been busy putting a new cover on the large polytunnel, getting

the glasshouses back up and running, sowing seeds and growing on many thousands of plants. The new nursery project has been funded by the **Green Recovery Challenge Fund** and **Your Homes Newcastle**.

In March 2022 we also welcomed two new staff members to the garden team, Dylan Mackell and Sam Atkinson, who joined on the government's Kickstart Scheme for 6 months. Sam and Dylan have settled into the garden team really well and it has been a great opportunity to work with two local young people, helping them gain experience in the outdoor sector.

Growing Together

Our adult volunteering programme, Growing Together, is now into its sixth year. The success and development of this project owes a huge amount to **Lloyds Bank Foundation**, who have supported this work since its first year back in 2016. This year substantial support for Growing Together has also come from **The Green Recovery Challenge Fund** and **The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund**.

"volunteering gives me a good sense of achievement, I like spending time with other people. It gives me a feeling of self worth"



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In 2021 we further strengthened our partnership work with West End Refugee Service (WERS). Our supported volunteer sessions for asylum seekers and refugees from WERS skillsmatch programme were established with the help of a grant from the **Curtin PARP Fund at the Community Foundation of Tyne and Wear**, which finished in November 2021. The **Green Recovery Challenge Fund** grant then allowed WERS to employ a link worker to help the people they support to access all the different projects at the garden. Welcoming new asylum seekers and refugees into the volunteer team has brought valuable new energy and skills to the garden, and we are really pleased to develop this partnership.

In the autumn of 2021 ten of our volunteer team completed accredited First Aid training; Volunteers were really pleased to add some new skills to their CV but we hope they won't have to use these skills any time soon!

Long term evaluation of our Growing Together project shows that nearly all our volunteers report increased confidence, physical activity and wellbeing, better connectedness to nature, more social connections and improved skills after attending the sessions for 3 months or more.



Next Year and Beyond.....

Establishing our new plant nursery is a big focus of our work in 2022/23. We are also planning major habitat improvement work in the garden in the winter of 2022 to improve the natural forage for garden birds and work to deepen and repair the large pond at the centre of the garden. Our staff and volunteer team will be trained in 3 different wildlife identification workshops over the summer of 2022 to help us to monitor and record the wildlife living in the garden.

"I love the garden so much. If I wasn't here I would be stuck in the house by myself. I love to talk to people and make them laugh"



"I have mental health problems and the garden helps me manage them. It also helps me to socialise and make friends. I love the beautiful surroundings, the staff and the volunteers"

"I learn so much. I enjoy learning new skills and being able to ask questions about the plants and insect life as the staff are so knowledgeable and are always happy to share tips. Its very varied and stimulating work"

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Older People's Services

For many of our older garden users, the effects of the pandemic were still very much being felt this year. Feelings of anxiety about socialising were juggled with a desire to get life back to normal and so our Older People's Services programme continued to offer a bespoke approach to the delivery of our projects. All of our learning and adaptations over the pandemic also allowed us to create covid-safe spaces to inspire confidence in returning to group, face to face activities which has been essential to improving wellbeing in our older community.

In November 2021, we were really pleased to welcome a new member of staff, Jenny Hopper, to our Older People's Services team. Jenny has brought a wealth of experience, skills and creativity to her role. She works across the Older People's Services programme supporting participants, building relationships with local accommodation schemes and coming up with exciting new nature-based activities. Welcome Jenny!

Our current Older People's Services offer includes:

Elderberries

- Supported volunteering
- Older Women's Gardening Group - the Late Bloomers
- Nature-based workshops
- Bespoke support
- Partnership with West End Refugee Service (WERS)
- Nature-based outreach sessions for YHN schemes

Gardening for Dementia

- Therapeutic gardening and nature-based sessions
- Supported volunteering for those living with Young Onset Dementia (YOD)
- Nature-based outreach sessions

Partnership with Marie Curie - The Good Life Project

- Therapeutic gardening and nature-based sessions
- Training for Marie Curie staff and volunteers



Elderberries

From April until summer 2021, delivery was still based around covid safety and offering bespoke opportunities to connect with nature. A big thank you to the **Kellett Fund at the Community Foundation** for once again supporting our Elderberries programme and understanding the need for continuing a mixed approach to delivery of the project. 7 people benefitted from some form of remote or bespoke support from us, ranging from short term interventions to more complex longer term needs. Examples of support given

include: 1-1 volunteering, care home visits, contact over Christmas, bereavement support and emergency responses to the need for food and debt advice. This was invaluable and meant that we

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were able to provide consistency and a reliable source of support at what has been some difficult times for our participants.

The Kellett Fund also supported the development of a new group at the garden in August 2021 which have been fondly named the 'Late Bloomers'. 13 people have been involved in this group for older women interested in gardening and learning new skills. They have decided that they would like to learn to grow cut flowers and how to arrange them so that they can donate bouquets to Marie Curie. We're really looking forward to seeing them bloom!

Support from the **Green Recovery Challenge Fund**, **Hadrian Trust** and **the Kellett Fund** over the year has enabled our popular nature-based workshops to return and the continuation of our supported volunteering sessions. This work is the 'bread and butter' of the Elderberries programme and we've had another successful year welcoming our older community into the



garden to learn, work, socialise and be creative. They have told us that these opportunities have been even more important to them after the pandemic as they are able to feel useful again and connected to people and nature.

In the garden, 17 Elderberries volunteers have contributed nearly 1500 hours of their time to maintain and improve the space for all who visit. They have enthusiastically got involved with everything from apple juicing to scything and willow maintenance to fruit picking. Thank you Elderberries!

Our nature-based workshops have continued to be popular, seeing 37 people attend one either at the garden or on one of our outreach programmes at YHN accommodation schemes. They have been focussing on increasing their knowledge and skills around making improvements for wildlife and have taken part in a wide range of activities as part of this. We have saved seeds, planted up pollinator friendly pots, bulb planting, made

seed bombs, enjoyed a more sustainable Christmas and so much more!

an enjoyable informative bird watching session to support a national birdwatch. great apple/seed bird feeders to put up in the garden - anticipating hours of bird watching at home.'

I don't know what I would have done without the garden. I had no one else to turn to when I couldn't buy food and the garden made sure I could eat and still come and do my volunteering because it is so important to me."

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Across the whole of our Elderberries programme, all participants reported improved knowledge and skills around the natural world and said that they had learned new things about sustainable living that they will carry on into their everyday lives.

Gardening for Dementia

Due to the vulnerability of this group of people and the continuing restrictions on care settings, we are unfortunately yet to welcome this group back to the garden. However, we are starting to see some positive steps forward. We were able to visit our friends at the Bradbury Centre in December 2021 to deliver our popular Christmas crafts as an outreach session. This was the first time since

March 2020 that we had worked face to face with some of our Gardening for Dementia group and it felt like a bit of a breakthrough moment!

In January 2022, we also started to support people with young-onset dementia (YOD) to join our main volunteer team. This has been an important opportunity for one participant in particular who has had a very early dementia diagnosis and had to give up their job as a gardener.



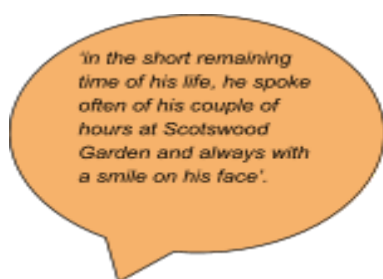
The **Active Communities Fund at the People's Health Trust** funds this project and they have been very supportive and flexible as uncertainty around covid is still a major barrier for this group. We have worked with just 12 people as a result this year, but with the support of Active Communities, we're looking forward to a much busier summer.

The Good Life Project

Working in partnership with our local Marie Curie Hospice in Elswick, we aim to support the staff and volunteers at Marie Curie to use horticulture and nature-based activities as part of their programme of therapies.

In September 2021, we hosted and delivered some bespoke training for four staff/volunteers from Marie Curie, looking at the theories behind why having a connection with the natural world is good for you, using adapted tools and equipment to make gardening easier and adapting tasks for different needs.

Infection control is still strict in the hospice environment, which has made it hard to work face to face with any patients, however in January 2022 we trialled working virtually from their new garden space to deliver therapeutic sessions over zoom. We were also fortunate enough to be able to invite a very poorly gentleman for a look around our garden and support him to feel connected to nature and useful again. In some feedback from Marie Curie staff about this bespoke session, we were told:



This work has been supported by **The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust** and **Green Recovery Challenge Fund**.

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Older People's Services next year and beyond...

In the coming year, we are looking to build new partnerships to increase our nature-based offer further and create new opportunities for our community of older people. We hope to be completely back to normal after the isolation of the pandemic, but in our own chaos of new building work and different spaces. We'll work together with our groups to make sure this time isn't too unsettling and the whole programme is still delivered as planned. We're hoping that the summer will bring our Gardening for Dementia group back fully and we plan to celebrate the contributions our older people's community make to the garden and everyone who enjoys it.

Education & Training

The education team has been as busy as ever. We have been working with staff at West End Refugee Service (WERS) to look at how we can better support children and young people who are refugees and asylum seekers. We have joined the Schools of Sanctuary network and hosted a meeting of staff from schools who are going through the process of gaining recognition as schools of sanctuary. We have also started developing a new programme of school visits to support these schools. We ran two campfire cooking sessions at WERS, and helped them come up with a flexible fire pit design that allows them to continue to use the space for different activities.



School Visits

From April 2021 until the end of March 2021 we ran 90 school visits for 1030 different children and 222 different adults. 100% of school staff agreed or strongly agreed that the children enjoyed their visits and learnt something new about wildlife.

We started this year getting back on our feet after the second lockdown. We caught up on postponed sessions and continued to run half day sessions for up to 15 children. Throughout the past year, Rainbird sent a group of children weekly, with every child from Year 1-6 visiting us over the course of the year. We also ran two blocks of forest school sessions for Year 4 children from St Bede's.

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Summer 2021 remained quieter than usual in terms of school visits. Some schools were reluctant to use coaches, so it was mainly our very local schools who visited us. Inevitably

some sessions were also cancelled due to covid but we did our best to rearrange those where possible. Thanks to our garden volunteers, we were also able to provide fire circle benches to three schools.

In the summer term, Rosie completed her online Nature Connectedness training course with the University of Derby. This is now a planned element in all school visits.

It is also worth mentioning that the springboard boxes, which were developed in the previous year, have been a huge hit with the children. Children use them during the planned play time of school visits to the garden. The most popular box has been the potions box, with children mixing their own combinations of herbs to create potions, food and magic spells. We've also added a box based around dyeing fabric which has gone down well with older children.



Feedback from teachers and children

"It was clear to see the enjoyment from my staff and children. A huge thank you to Rosie."

"They had the opportunity to enjoy nature whilst learning."

"I enjoyed climbing because it makes me feel happy because I am independent and it's a little bit dangerous."

"I love this place. I feel free. I feel happy."

"I would like to live here."

"I liked learning about newts on the treasure hunt."

"I liked collecting the pollen."

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Breeze Project:

We continued to run our 4 year project working with 5 local schools and Newcastle University to explore how forest school sessions can be used to support children and young people who struggle in school. Following the second lockdown in 2021, the schools continued to find ways to deliver forest schools despite the disruption and restrictions caused by Covid. The freedom and chances to socialise with others were especially valued by parents, teachers and children following on from the second period of lockdown and school closure.

Funding for this stage of the project ended in August 2021 and we started the next phase of the project, supporting the existing schools to continue to run forest schools, and working with 3 new schools (Canning Street Primary, River Tyne Multi Academy Trust and St Lawrence's Primary) who are interested in using forest schools to support mental wellbeing.

We provided forest school training to 6 staff from the new schools, as well as 3 from the existing schools. Many of the schools in the network used the garden for their sessions, whilst others made use of school grounds, and green areas closer to school.

We also carried on sharing our work with others to demonstrate how forest school can be used in this way. We presented at the British Education Research Association conference (online) and wrote a chapter in a book on wellbeing in the digital age. Lucy Tiplady our partner at Newcastle University is currently writing up the final report on the whole project which we hope to publish by July 2022, but the draft report shows that the project had significant impact across 4 areas: Overcoming anxieties and achieving success; Relationships and social skills (supported through opportunities to play); Behaviour and emotional regulation; and Connection with nature and environment.



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“The substantial evidence obtained before the pandemic demonstrated the outcomes that could be achieved for children and young people through a regular and long-term FS intervention; this was particularly the case in relation to children experiencing an improvement in their emotional wellbeing” (Lucy Tiplady Draft Report)

Forest School Training

We have been busier than ever with forest school training, delivered by Harriet Menter, Susan Byrne and Kay Stott. We started 3 new level 3 courses during this year, and completed another. One of these was delivered at Kirkley Hall woodland centre which we have been scouting as an alternative venue to use during the planned building work. We also ran two level 1 courses at the garden and another at Kirkley Hall which was commissioned by Education Partnership North East for their nursery nurse lecturers and assessors. Feedback from the courses continues to be very positive:



“Those 10 days will stay with me for many years... one of the best decisions I've made so far! I thought a lot about what is important to me, and what is important to the community around me, and I've met some brilliant people through the course.”

During 2021/2022 we hosted a student on placement from Sunderland University B.Ed. programme, and Umara Shahid joined the team as a sessional worker, and Jose Muando and Rosalind Beaumont joined as education volunteers. We also delivered training on fire lighting and fire safety for staff at Cramlington Village Primary, hosted Denton Youth Project for 3 sessions over the summer, and ran 2 forest school taster sessions for Newcastle Young Carers. In the autumn term, at short notice, we ran workshops on outdoor learning for all the first year B.Ed. students from Northumbria University focussing on simple, practical ways to teach the National Curriculum outdoors.

Youth & Play Programme

Our youth and play offer includes:

Early Explorers - pre-school exploration

Nature Rangers - 6-9yrs

Adventure Rangers - 10-13yrs

Nightshades Rangers - 13-18yrs

Art, Music & Movement Garden - inclusive family creativity

Scotswood Street Rangers - Detached youth work

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The previous challenges of Covid resulted in some changes to the way we engage with families and young people, and some of those changes we made have been positive and stayed with us - although we are of course delighted to be delivering a full programme of opportunities at the garden once again.

Henry Smith Charity kindly gave us flexible support to continue our core Play & Youth offer, securing hours for our Play & Youth Manager. The **Community Foundation of Tyne and Wear** also generously contributed to employing our Play & Youth Manager to coordinate and develop our offer and be the Designated Safeguarding Officer. Our youth groups continue to value youth voice and our groups have been involved in Newcastle City Council's 'No Child Left Behind' consultation contributing to an 8 year plan for Children's & Young People's Services in the city. The insights and comments have also really helped us think about some changes we would like to make to our sessions

We started the year with a 'Festival of Friendship'. Sadly, covid restrictions in April 2021 meant that this had to be a 'remote' social event, hosted on our Facebook page but with lots of interactive projects designed by our youth members: local people and members of our groups completed the sentence 'Friendship is...' on labels that were tied to 'Billy the Friendship Tree', and we created a beautiful jigsaw puzzle of pieces decorated with thoughts, pictures and poems of what friendship means to people. Our Adventure Rangers worked with community artist and filmmaker John Quinn on a zoom based film exploring friendship which were also shared as part of our Festival of Friendship.



Our successful partnership with **Well Newcastle Gateshead Fund** and **Bluestone Consortium** continued to deliver creative and developmental outdoor activities for pre-school and home school children up to the age of 8 with their families; **Tudor Trust** provided match funding through a Covid Emergency grant.

This funding, along with the hard work of our volunteers has seen us move to a new base in the Butterfly Garden, and The Wood Hub CIC kindly created a beautiful mud kitchen and storage for us from reclaimed wood and the children have been busy making exciting mud creations and planting flowers and vegetables in their new space.



Newcastle City Council's Arts Connect project continued to work with us to deliver Art & Music Garden, an inclusive group for families enabling children with disabilities to create and play alongside their siblings, friends and neighbours. A Covid Recovery Grant from **Public Health England** enabled us to offer an extended

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summer programme including aerial & trapeze, photography, music and theatre with BalletLORENT.

Our long running relationship with **BBC Children in Need** keeps our Nature Rangers busy on Saturday mornings, learning about nature and wildlife, exploring friendship and community and getting active with fun and games. Sadly our Christmas trip to the theatre was cancelled at short notice due to Covid, but they have made up for it with trips to Northern Stage and the Alphabetti Theatre since.



BBC Children in Need also enables us to deliver our Scotswood Street Rangers initiative, taking detached youth work out to young people on our local streets and parks, reaching young people who do not normally access garden based sessions. Our detached youth workers also completed training to offer C-Card and M-Card schemes, enabling young people to access sexual health and period products. **Rotary Club of Newcastle upon Tyne** kindly donated cinema tickets and other trips included trampolining and SafetyWorks.

A partnership with British Cycling enabled us to deliver mountain biking sessions in Denton Dene, which was very popular, and led on to us hosting free 'Start to Ride' sessions for local families.



Our Nightshade Rangers applied for a **Happy & Healthy grant** from **NE Youth** which enabled them to learn to open canoe on the River Tyne; they completed 3 day trips of journeying from Hexham to Tynemouth, exploring the varying environment and wildlife along the way.

Rotary Club of Newcastle upon Tyne also supported our Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award group to complete training and a 4 day expedition along the River Tweed with Simonside Outdoors under challenging conditions - low water levels and a head wind meant that the team had to really pull together and work hard! We are incredibly proud of the 6 young people who all passed with flying colours and gave a really entertaining and insightful presentation to friends, family and supporters in September 2021.

One measure of our success has been that we have reluctantly had to introduce a waiting list for Nature Rangers and Adventure Rangers groups so that we can keep adult to child ratios safe and ensure that we are prioritising local children who have the greatest need for our services.

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Next year and beyond...

Our new Nightshades members are forming a new Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award group, with Expedition training and assessments planned for July 2022. The existing Gold group is finishing off their last sections, so we hope to present some Gold awards in 2022!

Our Nightshades are also contributing to the One Planet Living environmental review. And we look forward to training from ERIC about how to identify and record species found at the garden; some of our Nightshades plan to use this for the volunteering section of the DofE Award. The Scotswood Street Rangers are taking part in the region-wide Hadrian's Wall Challenge organised by NE Youth. The Beelines Project, organised by Urban Green will provide opportunities for our younger Nature Rangers and Early Explorers to learn about the important role our bees play as pollinators. We also look forward to hosting a Mini Pride event delivered by Curious Arts, and strong continuing partnership with Arts Connect to deliver Art & Music Garden. Secure funding from **Heritage Lottery Green Recovery Challenge Fund** ensures that all of our weekly Play & Youth opportunities will continue throughout the coming financial year.

Sticky Business

Sticky Business has really bounced back after the restrictions imposed by the pandemic selling an impressive 1747 items of preserves, juice, cordial and honey over the year making £5708. We continued to supply The Honey Tree and took on Ernie as a new stockist in Oct 21 who included our Chuckleberry Jam in their 'local heroes' Christmas hampers. We had 2 stalls at the fabulous Whitley Bay Fiesta and are grateful to our friends who organise the Fiesta for their continued support and to our loyal customers who returned to buy new items and gave us lovely feedback.

Our most popular jam this year was Summer Fruit with 134 jars sold and Glutney Chutney was by far our customers' favourite chutney with 87 jars sold.

Claire has been as creative as ever developing new flavours which proved a hit with stockists and customers. Chuckleberry Jam, Strawberry & Gooseberry Jam, Jostaberry & Juniper Jam

and Red Onion and Redcurrant relish all had excellent feedback and will become regular items on our stalls next year



We made 30 jars of Summer Fruit Jam to give to the volunteers for Volunteers Week. These were labelled

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with a special label with the Volunteers Week branding.

Next year and beyond

Claire will continue to develop and improve recipes throughout the year working on lowering the sugar content. She'll continue to work closely with the garden team, so that we can plan to grow even more of our own produce in the garden for Sticky Business.

Outreach, Community & Events

Spring Fun Day, Apple Day and Scotswood Winter Wonderland are back!

It's been wonderful to have welcomed people back in the Garden for 3 community fun days this year. 630 adults and children came and gave fantastic feedback. It was great to see the Garden being used by so many diverse people - online events last year were just not the same. Apple Day in October 2021 saw people enjoying apple pizza, tasting homemade apple juice and lots more apple based games and activities.

Our famous Scotswood winter wonderland was back in December bigger and better than ever. The Garden looked stunning with 12 trees decorated with recycled decorations, carol singers, a garden trail ending with people making gifts to



the planet, Santa's grotto and elf workshop, marshmallow toasting and mince pies. Thanks to Nicky for her creativity and curating the event and to our volunteers who gave their time to make it such a special day for everyone.

Our wildlife-themed spring open day was a great success with free food provided by The Samosa Sisters, our famous cake stall, an art workshop run by the Baltic, the Baltic Art bus, pea shoot planting workshop, bird making and our very own Scotwood Birdle game!

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Financial Review

The financial statements show the state of the finances and activity during the last year.

Principle sources of funds

Our main sources of funding are governmental, trust funds and increasingly earned income from services.

Funders

We are very grateful for support from all our funders - they include:

- Henry Smith Charity
- Tudor Trust
- National Lottery Community Fund
- Well Newcastle Gateshead Arts Fund
- Children in Need
- The Green Recovery Challenge Fund. The fund is being delivered by The National Lottery Heritage Fund in partnership with Natural England and the Environment Agency.
- Department for Culture, Media and Sport's Youth Investment Fund
- Froebel Trust
- Trusthouse Charitable Foundation
- Lloyds Bank Foundation
- Baily Thomas Charitable Fund
- The Community Foundation of Tyne and Wear
- Wellesley Trust
- 1989 Willan Charitable Trust
- Kellet Fund
- Curtin PARP Fund
- People's Health Trust
- NE Youth
- Charities Aid Foundation
- Coop Foundation
- Your Homes Newcastle
- Harian Trust
- The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust
- Public Health England
- The Rotary Club of Newcastle Upon Tyne

Reserves Policy and Investment Performance

The trustee's policy is to maintain reserves to ensure that in the event of a funding shortfall the project can continue for at least six months. The Management Committee sanctioned future use of the reserve to enable the continuation of project work while continuing to seek funding. The trustees confirm that the accounts comply with current statutory requirements, the governing document and the

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Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2005 edition).

Bank

Scotswood Natural Community Garden Limited banks with the Cooperative Bank, P.O. Box 250, Delf House, Southway, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT.

Accountants

The Independent Examiner is:

Michelle Wright
Connected Voice Business Services
One Strawberry Lane
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE1 4BX

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity was an unincorporated registered charity (date of registration 30 May 2000), governed by a constitution adopted 16 December 1999 as amended 9 March 2000. On 1st April, 2012 the charity was incorporated into a company limited by guarantee. It is managed by a Management Committee which consists of the Trustees and is attended by the CEO and Administrator. Meetings are held quarterly.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. The management committee may also appoint 1/3rd co-opted members. A third of trustees retire from office at the end of the Annual General Meeting following their election/appointment.

All new trustees are given an induction pack detailing the charity's constitution, strategic plans, recent annual report and accounts, Charity Commission Leaflet - CC3 (a). Trustees are advised of training on their responsibilities at the Newcastle Council for Voluntary Service.

Decision Making Process

The CEO sends a quarterly report of activities to the Management Committee. Decisions and actions are recommended and taken at this meeting.

Risks and Risk Management

The charity is dependent on grant funding for most of its income; this presents a considerable risk. The charity has a strategy in place to source alternative sustainable sources of income to reduce this risk.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England & Wales/Scotland/Northern Ireland requires the trustees 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

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end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

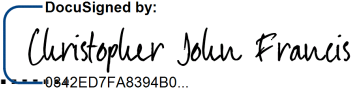
The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with (applicable law, regulations and trust deed). 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.

The trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17/5 of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charities Commission with regard to public benefit statements.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

Christopher Francis: Chair

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On behalf of the Trustees

3/30/2023
Date:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2022

I report on the financial statements of Scotswood Natural Community Garden Limited for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 26 to 42.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

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 Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I 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.

Michelle Wright
Connected Voice Business Services
One Strawberry Lane
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 4BX

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Date: 3/30/2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCLUDING SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	6	5,336	4,717	10,053	3,122
Charitable activities					
Grants and contracts	7	14,021	392,533	406,554	460,786
Capital grants	8	-	103,174	103,174	-
Other trading activities	9	58,173	-	58,173	20,786
Investments	10	39	-	39	724
Total income		77,570	500,423	577,993	485,418
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	11	68,749	398,099	466,848	397,585
Total expenditure		68,749	398,099	466,848	397,585
Net income/(expenditure)		8,821	102,324	111,145	87,833
Transfers between funds		91,927	(91,927)	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement of funds		100,748	10,397	111,145	87,833
<u>Reconciliation of funds</u>					
Total funds brought forward		171,046	63,992	235,038	147,205
Total funds carried forward		271,794	74,389	346,183	235,038

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 29 to 42 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Charity Number 1144976

Company Number 07523792

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2022

	Notes	£	Total 2022 £	£	Total 2021 £
<u>Fixed assets</u>					
Tangible assets	18		91,927		3,001
Total fixed assets			91,927		3,001
<u>Current assets</u>					
Debtors	19	86,824		22,678	
Cash at bank and in hand	20	339,324		362,932	
Total current assets		426,148		385,610	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	(171,891)		(153,573)	
Net current assets			254,257		232,037
Total assets less current liabilities			346,183		235,038
Total net assets or liabilities			346,183		235,038
<u>Funds of the charity</u>					
Unrestricted income funds			271,794		171,046
Restricted income funds			74,389		63,992
Total funds			346,183		235,038

The company was entitled to an exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The notes on pages 29 to 42 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on:

3/30/2023

and are signed on its behalf by:

Miles Henderson
Treasurer

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Miles Henderson

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
<u>Cash flows from operating activities</u>		
Net movement in funds	111,145	87,833
Depreciation	3,002	3,079
Deduct interest income shown in investing activities	(39)	(724)
Decrease (increase) in debtors	(64,146)	9,106
Increase (decrease) in creditors	18,318	71,258
<i>Net cash from operating activities</i>	68,280	170,552
<u>Cash flow from investing activities</u>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(91,927)	-
Sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-
Interest received	39	724
<i>Net cash used in investing activities</i>	(91,888)	724
 Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	 (23,608)	 205,341
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year	362,932	157,591
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	339,324	362,932

The notes on pages 29 to 42 form an integral part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting Policies

The principle accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Scotswood Natural Community Garden Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The charity reported total unrestricted funds at the year end of £271,794 and has already secured a significant amount of funding for the current year.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In making their assessment the trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including their annual budget and future cash flows. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trustees have revised their forecasts to take into account measures that they can take with the current resources available to mitigate the impact of the current adverse conditions. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Income

3.1 Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

3.3 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance or provision of other specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

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3.4 Donated goods and services

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided that the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with the equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA.

3.5 Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

3.7 Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies.

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

3.8 Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investment and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

3.9 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charities' work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of garden projects, education projects, youth projects and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

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4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

4.5 Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.6 Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

5 Assets**5.1 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity**

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Garden sculptures	10%	Straight line
Garden structures	10%	Straight line
Tools and equipment	25%	Straight line
Office equipment	25%	Straight line

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Analysis of income	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
6 Donations and legacies					
Donations and gifts	5,336	-	4,717	10,053	3,122
	<u>5,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,717</u>	<u>10,053</u>	<u>3,122</u>
7 Charitable activities					
<u>Income from grants</u>					
Health Trust	-	-	-	-	3,400
Awards for All	-	-	-	-	3,000
Bailey Thomas	-	-	15,000	15,000	-
BBC Children in Need	-	-	59,423	59,423	17,582
Best Summer Ever	-	-	-	-	2,390
British Foreign School Society	-	-	-	-	2,500
Charities Aid Foundation	-	-	-	-	8,500
Community Foundation T & W	-	-	6,930	6,930	-
Covid-19 Response Grant	-	-	-	-	10,400
Curtin PARP	-	-	-	-	3,742
George and Peggy Trust	-	-	-	-	3,000
Foundation	-	-	10,000	10,000	5,000
Cooperative Foundation	-	-	3,037	3,037	48,011
D'Oyly Carte	-	-	2,500	2,500	1,000
The Froebel Trust	-	-	2,880	2,880	8,001
Grass Roots - Covid 19	-	-	-	-	2,052
Hadrian Trust	-	-	6,103	6,103	5,000
Heritage Lottery Fund	-	-	47,700	47,700	-
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	4,134	-	-	4,134	38,827
High Sheriff Award	-	-	-	-	981
Henry Smith	-	-	119,022	119,022	66,278
Kellett Fund	-	-	16,500	16,500	8,133
Lloyds -Bank Foundation	-	-	33,934	33,934	27,345
Newcastle City Council	-	-	-	-	1,000
Postcode Local Trust	-	-	-	-	4,500
Power to Change, Trade Up	-	-	-	-	32,540
Rise-Satellite Club Funding	-	-	1,576	1,576	4,810
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>4,134</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>324,605</u>	<u>328,738</u>	<u>307,992</u>

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Analysis of income continued	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
7 Charitable activities continued					
<i>Brought forward</i>	4,134	-	324,605	328,738	307,992
The National Lottery	-	-	-	-	42,547
The Swire Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	1,042
True Colours Trust	-	-	-	-	5,300
Foundation	-	-	28,957	28,957	19,710
Tudor Trust	-	-	20,415	20,415	48,500
UK Youth	-	-	-	-	11,000
YHN	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
NE Youth Limited	3,832	-	-	3,832	-
Well Newcastle	-	-	9,423	9,423	13,305
Willan Charitable Trust	-	-	5,000	5,000	4,000
Other small grants	1,500	-	2,650	4,150	3,224
Other income	4,555	-	483	5,038	4,166
	<u>14,021</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>392,533</u>	<u>406,554</u>	<u>460,786</u>
8 Capital grant income					
North East LEP	-	-	81,210	81,210	-
Power to Change	-	-	11,000	11,000	-
Community Foundation T & W	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
Neighbourly Foundation	-	-	5,000	5,000	-
Other small grants	-	-	4,964	4,964	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,174</u>	<u>103,174</u>	<u>-</u>
9 Other trading activities					
Produce sales	7,942	-	-	7,942	1,186
School visits	710	-	-	710	1,060
Other visits and hire of facilities	1,122	-	-	1,122	-
Internal Quality Assurance	5,361	-	-	5,361	5,730
Income generation	-	-	-	-	150
OCN charges	43,039	-	-	43,039	12,660
	<u>58,173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,173</u>	<u>20,786</u>
10 Income from investments					
Bank interest	39	-	-	39	724
	<u>39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>724</u>

Income was £577,993 (2021: £485,417) of which £77,570 was unrestricted or designated (2021: £118,848) and £500,423 was restricted (2021: £366,569)

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Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
11 Charitable activities					
<u>Direct costs</u>					
Project staff salaries	4,102	-	292,132	296,234	206,538
Project staff other costs	1,271	-	4,911	6,182	9,565
Activities	1,191	-	6,667	7,858	15,039
Event costs	111	-	1,227	1,338	1,737
Garden materials	216	-	10,066	10,282	5,170
Garden equipment	-	-	1,363	1,363	3,655
Vehicle hire	-	-	2,640	2,640	285
Other Project Costs	13,299	-	4,679	17,978	-
Food	1,786	-	2,990	4,776	3,225
Project Office/Admin Costs	2,201	-	26,669	28,870	-
Project Service User Costs	697	-	2,716	3,413	-
Membership				-	2,846
<u>Support costs</u>					
Support staff salaries	21,610	-	2,209	23,819	47,113
Support staff other costs	456	-	102	558	-
Volunteer Costs	-	-	150	150	-
Office costs	4,703	-	10,701	15,404	6,777
Establishment costs	6,181	-	4,135	10,316	9,901
Repairs and renewals	5,860	-	5,112	10,972	13,207
New Building Costs	-	-	-	-	13,197
Professional fees	1,664	-	13,447	15,110	50,312
Insurance	(82)	-	6,177	6,096	3,620
Sundry	(1,117)	-	-	(1,117)	854
Depreciation	3,002	-	-	3,002	3,079
<u>Governance costs</u>					
Trustee Meeting Costs	-	-	8	8	-
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	1,597	-	-	1,597	1,465
	<u>68,749</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>398,099</u>	<u>466,848</u>	<u>397,585</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £466,848 (2021: £397,584) of which £68,749 was unrestricted or designated (2021: £71,977) and £398,099 was restricted (2021: £325,607).

12 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	1,597	1,452
Other accountancy services paid to the examiner	1,504	1,988
	<u>3,101</u>	<u>3,440</u>

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13 Analysis of staff costs, and the cost of key management personnel

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	288,255	228,193
Social security costs	19,161	15,264
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	11,915	10,112
	319,331	253,569

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2021: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees and the part time CEO. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £35,877 (2021: £34,629).

14 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 16 staff (2021: 16 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Fundraising	0.3	0.3
Charitable activities	9.2	9.2
	9.5	9.5

15 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There has been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

16 Defined contribution pension scheme

The charitable company contributes to individual private staff pension schemes.

The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amount to £11,915 (2021: £10,112). There was £2,045 outstanding as at 31 March 2022 (2021: £1,598).

17 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

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18 Tangible fixed assets	Garden sculpture £	Garden structures £	Tools and equipment £	Office equipment £	Sub Total £
Cost					
Balance brought forward	16,830	13,956	2,819	14,705	48,310
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	16,830	13,956	2,819	14,705	48,310
Depreciation					
Basis	SL	SL	SL	SL	
Rate	10%	10%	25%	25%	
Balance brought forward	15,147	12,638	2,819	14,705	45,309
Depreciation charge for year	1,683	1,318	-	-	3,001
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	16,830	13,956	2,819	14,705	48,310
Net book value					
Brought forward	1,683	1,318	-	-	3,001
Carried forward	-	-	-	-	-
			Property Extension £	Sub Total £	Total £
Cost					
Balance brought forward			-	48,310	48,310
Additions			91,927	-	91,927
Disposals			-	-	-
Balance carried forward			91,927	48,310	140,237
Depreciation					
Basis					
Rate					
Balance brought forward			-	45,309	45,309
Depreciation charge for year			-	3,001	3,001
Disposals			-	-	-
Balance carried forward			-	48,310	48,310
Net book value					
Brought forward			-	3,001	3,001
Carried forward			91,927	-	91,927

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19 Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	16,438	5,100
Salary holding account	20,694	17,578
Accrued income	49,692	-
	86,824	22,678

20 Cash at bank and in hand

	2022	2021
	£	£
Short term cash deposits	222,005	281,966
Bank current account	117,268	80,806
Cash in hand	50	160
	339,324	362,932

21 Creditors and accruals (payable Unrestricted Funds)

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	50,259	15,536
Pension	2,045	1,598
Accruals		
Independent examination of accounts	1,597	1,452
Other accruals	-	-
Deferred income	117,990	133,585
Other creditors	-	1,402
	171,891	153,573

22 Deferred income

Deferred income comprises of advance payments from grants that relate to future periods

	2022	2021
	£	£
Balance brought forward	133,585	133,585
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(133,585)	(133,585)
Amount deferred in year	117,990	133,585
Balance carried forward	117,990	133,585

23 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

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24 Analysis of charitable funds**Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds****For the year ended 31 March 2022**

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	186,343	77,570	(65,176)	-	198,737
Designated funds					
Tudor Trust	572	-	(572)	-	-
Fixed asset fund	3,001	-	(3,001)	-	-
New building	-	-	-	91,927	91,927
Totals	189,916	77,570	(68,749)	91,927	290,664

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	177,522	77,570	(68,749)	-	186,343
Designated funds					
Tudor Trust	572	-	-	-	572
Fixed asset fund	6,080	-	(3,079)	-	3,001
Totals	184,174	77,570	(71,828)	-	189,916

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund

The 'free reserves' after allowing for designated funds

Designated funds

Tudor Trust

This is designated to contribute towards Core Costs

Fixed asset fund

This represents the balance of the fixed asset value that appears on the accounts.

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24 Analysis of charitable funds continued**Analysis of movement in restricted funds****For the year ended 31 March 2022**

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
Restricted funds	£	£	£	£	£
Active Communities Peoples Health	2,987	-	(2,987)	-	-
Bailey Thomas	-	15,000	(7,894)	-	7,106
Ballinger Charitable Trust	1,097	-	(478)	-	619
BBC Children in Need	5,604	34,477	(27,529)	-	12,552
Best Summer Ever	971	-	(657)	-	313
Community Foundation T & W	-	6,930	(6,791)	-	139
Asian	734	-	-	-	734
Wellesley Charitable Foundation	3,215	10,000	(13,215)	-	0
Curtin PARP	2,677	-	(2,463)	-	214
Cooperative Foundation	4,169	3,037	(7,224)	-	(18)
D'Oyly Carte - Marie Curie	919	2,520	(3,029)	-	409
The Froebel Trust	1,025	2,880	(3,905)	-	(1)
Hadrian Trust	2,155	6,103	(6,801)	-	1,457
Henry Smith	12,106	119,037	(125,684)	-	5,458
Heritage Lottery	-	47,727	(47,612)	-	115
Kellett Fund	643	16,503	(16,709)	-	437
Lloyds Bank Foundation	11,372	33,934	(42,174)	-	3,132
Power to Change, Colours	196	-	-	-	196
Rise-Satellite Club Funding	1,268	1,921	(2,071)	-	1,118
Newcastle University	-	2,000	(919)	-	1,081
 Tudor Trust - Wellbeing	 500	 1,500	 (1,778)	 -	 222
Tudor Trust	-	43,934	(35,512)	-	8,422
Trust House	-	28,957	(17,029)	-	11,929
True Colours Trust	1,460	-	(1,380)	-	80
UK Youth	2,012	-	(1,960)	-	51
Well Newcastle	4,132	9,423	(12,948)	-	607
Willan Charitable Trust	3,296	5,000	(6,261)	-	2,036
Ward Committee	1,457	-	-	-	1,457
Other Small Grants	-	6,367	(3,086)	-	3,281
New Build	-	103,174	-	(91,927)	11,247
Totals	63,992	500,423	(398,099)	(91,927)	74,390

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24 Analysis of charitable funds continued**Analysis of movement in restricted funds****For the year ended 31 March 2021**

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
Active Communities Peoples Health	87	3,400	(500)	2,987
Awards for All	4,200	3,000	(7,200)	-
Ballinger Charitable Trust	1,097	-	-	1,097
BBC Children in Need	344	14,750	(9,491)	5,604
BBC Children in Need	-	2,832	(2,832)	-
Best Summer Ever	-	2,390	(1,419)	971
British Foreign School Society	828	2,500	(3,328)	-
Charities Aid Foundation CAF -Covid	-	8,500	(8,500)	-
Community Foundation T & W				
Asian	1,000	-	(266)	734
George & Peggy Trust	151	3,000	(3,151)	-
The Swire Charitable Trust	2,080	1,042	(3,122)	-
Wellesley Charitable Foundation	2,273	5,000	(4,058)	3,215
Ward Hadaway	589	-	(589)	-
Covid-19 Response Grant	-	10,400	(10,400)	-
Curtin PARP	-	3,742	(1,064)	2,677
Community Led Local Development	3,818	-	(3,818)	-
Cooperative Foundation	381	48,011	(44,223)	4,169
Doyly Carte	1,096	-	(1,096)	-
D'Oyly Carte - Marie Curie	-	1,000	(81)	919
The Froebel Trust	621	8,001	(7,597)	1,025
Grass Roots - Covid 19	-	2,052	(2,052)	-
Hadrian Trust	337	5,000	(3,182)	2,155
Henry Smith	(6,278)	66,278	(47,894)	12,106
Kellett Fund	2,216	8,133	(9,706)	643
Lloyds Bank Foundation	(4,656)	20,000	(3,973)	11,372
Lloyds Bank Foundation- Covid 19	-	7,345	(7,345)	-
Lottery Older People	-	7,904	(7,904)	-
Lottery Growing Together	-	14,032	(14,032)	-
Lottery Education	-	20,611	(20,611)	-
Morrisons Foundation	6,293	-	(6,293)	-
Ncle City Council Cohesion Fund	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Northumbria Water	2,455	-	(2,455)	-
Postcode Local Trust	423	4,500	(4,923)	-
Power to Change, Trade Up	-	12,783	(12,783)	-
Power to Change, Colours	-	19,757	(19,561)	196
Rise-Satellite Club Funding	-	4,810	(3,542)	1,268
Newcastle University	662	-	(662)	-
<i>Sub Total</i>	20,017	311,773	(280,655)	51,135

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24 Analysis of charitable funds continued

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds				
<i>Brought forward</i>	20,017	311,773	(280,655)	51,135
Skipton Building Society	500	-	(500)	-
Tudor Trust - Wellbeing	-	500	-	500
True Colours Trust	-	5,300	(3,840)	1,460
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	682	19,710	(20,392)	-
UK Youth	424	11,000	(9,412)	2,012
Well Newcastle	931	13,305	(10,104)	4,132
Willan Charitable Trust	-	4,000	(704)	3,296
Ward Committee	476	981	-	1,457
Totals	23,030	366,569	(325,607)	63,992

Purpose of major restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor

Active Communities Peoples Health	- Gardening for Dementia
Bailey Thomas	- Growing Together Volunteer Programme
Ballinger Charitable Trust	- Gardening for Dementia
BBC Children in Need	- Detached Youth Work Programme
Best Summer Ever	- Summer youth & play programmes
British Foreign School Society	- BREEZE Forest School Programme
Community Foundation T & W	- Youth
Asian	- Elderberries Older People's Programme
Wellesley Charitable Foundation	- BREEZE Forest School Programme
Ward Hadaway	- BREEZE Forest School Programme
Curtin Parp	- Refugee & Asylum Seeker, volunteer match programme
Community Led Local Development	- Growing Together Programme
Cooperative Foundation	- Youth Work Programme
Doyly Carte	- Older People Programme, partnership work with Marie Curie
The Froebel Trust	- BREEZE Forest School Programme
Hadrian Trust	- Nature Rangers, youth work programme
Henry Smith	- Nightshades Youth Group
Heritage Lottery	- Environmental renewal, contribution to several programmes
Kellett Fund	- Elderberries Older People's Programme
Lloyds Bank Foundation	- Growing Together Programme

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24 Analysis of charitable funds continued**Purpose of major restricted funds continued**

Power to Change, Trade Up	- Trading activity development
Rise-Satellite Club Funding	- Youth & Play work Programme
Newcastle University	- Bee Information board
Skipton Building Society	- Art and Music Garden
Tudor Trust - Wellbeing	- Staff and volunteer wellbeing
True Colours Trust	- Art and Music Garden
UK Youth	- Education and Youth Programme
Well Newcastle	- Early Explorers
Willan Charitable Trust	- Growing Together Programme
Ward Committee	- Environmental Information campaign
North East LEP	- Building Extension Work phase 1
Power to Change	- Building Extension Work phase 1
Community Foundation	- Building Extension Work phase 1
Neighbourly	- Building Extension Work phase 1
Spacehive	- Building Extension Work kitchen costs

Transfers between funds

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Reason for transfer	Amount £
Between unrestricted and restricted funds	Asset purchased from capital funds to be depreciated over 40 years	91,927

25 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2022, the charity had no capital commitments (2021 -£nil)

26 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	91,927	-	-	91,927	3,001
Cash at bank and in hand	264,935	-	74,389	339,324	362,932
Other net current assets/ (liabilities)	(85,067)	-	-	(85,067)	(130,895)
	271,794	-	74,389	346,183	235,038