

SUSTAINABLE LIVING INITIATIVE

England & Wales · Charity number 1154190

Details

Other names GROW OUR OWN (GO2)

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [05472105](#)

Registered 2013-10-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF NORWICH WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY:- PROVIDING GARDENING PLOTS AND FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS; AND- FACILITATING AND SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN GARDENING, HORTICULTURE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND DEBATE ON SUSTAINABLE FOOD PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION.

Activities: Aims of the organisation: The aim of the SLI is to improve the quality of life for individuals, communities through better health, activities, training and environmental activities. We do this by providing outdoor activities that are centred on growing, horticulture, & training. We promote biological diversity through the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of natural habitats.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Norfolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£25,718	£18,510	-	-
2024-09-30	£14,246	£24,945	-	-
2023-09-30	£16,223	£31,385	-	-
2022-09-30	£29,782	£33,339	-	-
2021-09-30	£31,629	£28,486	-	-
2020-09-30	£35,977	£37,512	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rose Baulcombe	Chair	2020-07-03
Marion Greene		2022-12-10
Mark Sorrell		2022-12-10
Paul Nicholson		2024-12-06

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Sustainable Living Initiative

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 September 2025



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As planned last year, activities for families and young people were developed to provide monthly events and school holiday activities open to the wider community. The links with the wider community groups through NSFT, VIY and the UEA have been further developed. We reviewed the environmental management of the site in consultation with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust as planned, and have implemented a system to manage the wetland meadow and develop a new large pond.

We worked with a number of external groups on activities which included a seeds cabinet built by VIY participants in October. The young people on the scheme are working towards NVQ Level 1 Trade Skills. Catch 22 who work with young people who are NEET, and NSFT group supporting 18-25-year olds suffering from mental health difficulties both visited to learn about the site.

UEA Education department and the Environmental Justice group both used our site as part of their field work. We had three sessions by GoodGym volunteers who partake in physical activity to improve health and help the community. Our site also hosted sessions by Norfolk and Waveney Mind, The Norwich Food Network Group, 'Soil to Soul' and Rush Hat Weaving by Norfolk Hedge Baskets. This allowed us to extend the range of people from the community that benefit from our site.

Outreach work

Tish Kerkham, presented at the second International Forest Garden/Food Forest Symposium organised by the Agroforestry Research Trust. SLI attended and presented at the Environmental Justice roundtable at the UEA. We also attended and presented at the NR5 Family hub and the Norwich Food Network meeting as well as Norwich Science week at the forum. Attending these events helps to raise the profile of SLI and spreads the word on our ethos and aims of promoting sustainability and community.

Future Plans

In October 2020, when the programme manager retired, the trustees had organised and managed activities in our community gardens along with our members and corporate volunteers. This was successful in engaging the members to get more involved in the organisation however presented some organisational challenges. This management structure was therefore reviewed, leading to a part-time coordinator being hired. This has been beneficial in developing work to increase our beneficiaries in the wider community and cultivate links with other community groups. We continue to look to find funds for a programme manager and cover core costs that would enable us to continue to develop the organisation and increase the beneficiaries in the wider community and cultivate links with local schools and community organisations.

Financial Review

Income for the year was £25,718.39 of which 28% was from Suma and the rest was from our plot rental including membership and produce sale. During this period, we did not receive new grants, but had the grants received during the previous reporting period. The grants received the previous reporting period were from Norwich City Council, National Lottery, National Gardens Trust, Norfolk Community Foundation and ASDA, and donations from individuals.

Our total expenditure for the same period was £18,510.46; roughly 50% of our total expenditure was related to overheads including salaries, office rent, accounts and telephone and internet. The rest of the expenditure was on land rent, garden maintenance, training, seeds and plants, small tools, and Suma Coop.

As the income from our plot rental including membership fees and allotment sales is far from adequate to cover our basic core costs we will continue to rely on grants and donations to carry out our charitable activities in the foreseeable future.

Acknowledgement

We would like to thank the Norwich City Council, Ben Burgess, Norwich Community Foundation, UEA and the Woodland Trust for supporting our work by providing support in kind, grants and donations during the year. Thanks to Simon and Janet who donated a shed for the Forest garden. Our thanks also goes to volunteers from UEA, NSFT, VYI, Good Gym and Nexus Fostering who have helped us maintain our community gardens. Last but not least - a very big thank you to all our trustees, members and volunteers whose unwavering support helps keep the organisation running.

**Sustainable Living Initiative
Report of the Trustees Continued
For the year ended 30 September 2025**

Name of Charity	Sustainable Living Initiative
Charity registration number	1154190
Company registration number	05472105
Principal address	63 Caernarvon Road Norwich NR2 3HY

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Rose Baulcombe
Paul Nicholson
Sarah Gann
Marion Greene
Mark Sorrell

Independent examiners	Triple Bottom Line Accounting Limited The Enterprise Centre University of East Anglia Norwich Norfolk NR4 7TJ
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by



Marion Greene

25/03/2026

Sustainable Living Initiative

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

For the period ended 30th September 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 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, with the seeking of 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Peter Ellington FAIA
Triple Bottom Line Accounting Limited
The Enterprise Centre
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Norwich
Norfolk
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Sustainable Living Initiative
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 30 September 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	692	7,300	7,992	898
Charitable activities	3	7,273	-	7,273	5,438
Other trading activities	4	10,453	-	10,453	7,910
Total		<u>18,418</u>	<u>7,300</u>	<u>25,718</u>	<u>14,246</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5/6	(18,510)	-	(18,510)	(24,945)
Total		<u>(18,510)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(18,510)</u>	<u>(24,945)</u>
Net income/expenditure		(92)	7,300	7,208	(10,699)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		(31,987)	32,919	932	11,631
Total funds carried forward		<u>(32,079)</u>	<u>40,219</u>	<u>8,140</u>	<u>932</u>

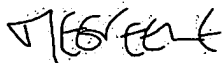
Sustainable Living Initiative
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 September 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	52,500	52,500
		<u>52,500</u>	<u>52,500</u>
Current assets			
Debtors		4,740	2,601
Cash at bank and in hand		13,449	7,901
		<u>18,189</u>	<u>10,501</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,595)	(5,595)
Net current assets		<u>12,594</u>	<u>4,906</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>65,094</u>	<u>57,406</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(56,954)	(56,474)
Net assets		<u>8,140</u>	<u>932</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted income funds	14	40,219	32,919
Unrestricted income funds	14	(32,079)	(31,987)
Total funds		<u>8,140</u>	<u>932</u>

For the year ended 30 September 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Marion Greene
25/03/2026

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 September 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Sustainable Living Initiative meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Restricted funds		
Grants received	7,300	-
	7,300	-
	7,300	-

3. Income from charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Marpit Community Garden</i>		
Income from charitable activities	7,273	5,438

4. Income earned from other activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Other Activities	10,453	7,910
	10,453	7,910
	10,453	7,910

5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Marpit Community Garden	11,288	-	11,288	19,339
Support costs	7,222	-	7,222	5,606
	18,510	-	18,510	24,945
	18,510	-	18,510	24,945

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6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	2025 £	2024 £
Support costs				
Marlpit Community Garden	11,288	7,222	18,510	24,945

7. Analysis of support costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Office Manager	5,463	3,848
Accountancy	1,304	1,138
Telephone	455	620
Depreciation	-	-
	<u>7,222</u>	<u>5,606</u>

8. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	-	-
Accountancy fees	1,304	1,138
	<u>1,304</u>	<u>1,138</u>

9. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 30 September 2025 were:

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages	5,463	8,048
	<u>5,463</u>	<u>8,048</u>

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10. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Land and Buildings £	Allotment and facilities £	Total £
At 01 October 2024	52,500	62,639	115,139
At 30 September 2025	<u>52,500</u>	<u>62,639</u>	<u>115,139</u>
Depreciation			
At 01 October 2024	-	62,639	62,639
Charge for year	-	-	-
At 30 September 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>62,639</u>	<u>62,639</u>
Net book values			
At 30 September 2025	<u>52,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,500</u>
At 30 September 2024	<u>52,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,500</u>

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	5,595	5,595
	<u>5,595</u>	<u>5,595</u>

12. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Loans and overdrafts	52,500	52,500
Key Deposit	4,454	3,974
	<u>56,954</u>	<u>56,474</u>

The following liabilities disclosed under creditors falling due after more than one year are secured by the charity:

Bank loans and overdrafts	52,500	52,500
	<u>52,500</u>	<u>52,500</u>

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13. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/10/2024	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/09/2025
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	(31,987)	18,418	(18,510)	(32,079)
	<u>(31,987)</u>	<u>18,418</u>	<u>(18,510)</u>	<u>(32,079)</u>

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/10/2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/09/2024
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	(21,287)	14,246	(24,945)	(31,987)
	<u>(21,287)</u>	<u>14,246</u>	<u>(24,945)</u>	<u>(31,987)</u>

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

General charitable purposes

Restricted Funds

	Balance at 01/10/2024	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/09/2025
	£	£	£	£
General	32,919	7,300	-	40,219
	<u>32,919</u>	<u>7,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,219</u>

Restricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/10/2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/09/2024
	£	£	£	£
General	32,919	-	-	32,919
	<u>32,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,919</u>

Purpose of restricted funds

General

Community garden in Marlpit

Sustainable Living Initiative
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 30 September 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Grants receivable	7,992	898
	<u>7,992</u>	<u>898</u>
Charitable activities		
Income from charitable activities	7,273	5,438
	<u>7,273</u>	<u>5,438</u>
Other trading activities		
Income from Other Activities	10,453	7,910
	<u>10,453</u>	<u>7,910</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>25,718</u>	<u>14,246</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Staff costs - wages & salaries	(5,463)	(8,048)
Depreciation - owned assets	-	-
Council plot rental	(2,674)	(1,825)
Conservation work	-	-
Small tools, equipment, repairs & gardening sundries	(546)	(2,162)
Allotment insurance	(211)	(211)
Plot improvements	-	-
Other	(6,448)	(6,624)
Seeds, plants, manure, compost	(234)	(506)
Training costs & Member Course Costs	(277)	(1,032)
	<u>(15,854)</u>	<u>(20,407)</u>
Office Costs		
Office Costs	(685)	(2,877)
	<u>(685)</u>	<u>(2,877)</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	(1,304)	(1,138)
Other office costs	(667)	(523)
	<u>(1,971)</u>	<u>(1,661)</u>
Total resources expended	<u>(18,510)</u>	<u>(24,945)</u>
Net Income	<u><u>7,208</u></u>	<u><u>(10,699)</u></u>

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We have had corporate visits from volunteers at KPMJ, Neilson and organisations like Good Gym who have grown to love our field at Marlpit. Other groups which have taken their own plots include local schoolchildren and people with mental health problems from NSFT.

Our day-to-day work continues with members looking after their own mini plots and joining in work on communal areas which nearly always involves some delicious food to keep us going.

Future Plans

We look to find funds for a programme manager and return to the organisational structure as prior to 2020. Since October 2020, when the full-time programme manager retired, the trustees had organised and managed activities in our community gardens along with our members and corporate volunteers. This management structure was challenging and was therefore reviewed, leading to a part time co-ordinator being hired. A part-time office manager manages the day-to-day administrative tasks and book-keeping. Our accountant, Triple Bottom Line Accounting, is taking care of preparing our accounts and reporting to the Companies House, Charity Commission and HMRC.

The family and young people activities will be developed to provide more regular events. As well as work with the community through NSFT, VIY and the UEA will be further developed. We plan to review the environmental management of the site and improve the site for wildlife.

Financial Review

Income for the year was £29,782.59 of which 54% was from grants and donations and the rest was from our plot rental including membership, produce sale and Suma Coop income. During this period, we received grants from Norwich City Council, National Lottery, National Gardens Trust, Norfolk Community Foundation and ASDA, and donations from individuals.

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Anne Marie Steward

Secretary

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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

V. Moorthie

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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, with the seeking of 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



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24/05/2023

Sustainable Living Initiative
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 30 September 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	207	20,503	20,710	12,867
Charitable activities	3	5,875	-	5,875	4,366
Other trading activities	4	3,197	-	3,197	14,396
Total		9,279	20,503	29,782	31,629
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5/6	(21,794)	(11,545)	(33,339)	(28,486)
Total		(21,794)	(11,545)	(33,339)	(28,486)
Net income/expenditure		(12,515)	8,958	(3,557)	3,143
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		6,390	23,961	30,351	27,208
Total funds carried forward		(6,125)	32,919	26,794	30,351

Sustainable Living Initiative
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 September 2022

	Notes	2021 ² £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	53,173	59,437
		<u>53,173</u>	<u>59,437</u>
Current assets			
Debtors		1,541	2,026
Cash at bank and in hand		33,637	24,344
		<u>35,179</u>	<u>26,370</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,595)	(2,956)
Net current assets		<u>29,584</u>	<u>23,414</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>82,851</u>	<u>82,851</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(55,964)	(52,500)
Net assets		<u>26,794</u>	<u>30,351</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted income funds	14	32,919	23,961
Unrestricted income funds	14	(6,125)	6,390
Total funds		<u>26,794</u>	<u>30,351</u>

For the year ended 30 September 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

V. Moorthie

Anandan Vijayalakshmi Moorthie

25/05/2023

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 September 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Sustainable Living Initiative meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2022	2021
	£	£
Restricted funds		
Grants received	20,503	12,867
	20,503	12,867

3. Income from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Marlpit Community Garden</i>		
Income from charitable activities	5,875	4,366

4. Income earned from other activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
open days & allotment sales	-	675
Other Activities	3,197	13,721
	3,197	14,396

5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Marlpit Community Garden	17,206	11,545	28,751	26,414
Support costs	4,588	-	4,588	2,072
	21,794	11,545	33,339	28,486

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30 September 2022

6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	2022 £	2021 £
Support costs				
Marlpit Community Garden	22,487	4,588	27,075	28,486

7. Analysis of support costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Marlpit Community Garden		
Office Costs	3,791	1,155
Governance costs	797	917
	<u>4,588</u>	<u>2,072</u>

8. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	6,264	6,264
Accountancy fees	403	617
	<u>403</u>	<u>617</u>

9. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 30 September 2021 were:

	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries and wages	3,618	1,085
	<u>3,618</u>	<u>1,085</u>

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30 September 2022

10. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Land and Buildings	Allotment and facilities	Total
	£	£	£
At 01 October 2021	52,500	62,639	115,139
At 30 September 2022	<u>52,500</u>	<u>62,639</u>	<u>115,139</u>
Depreciation			
At 01 October 2022	-	55,702	55,702
Charge for year	-	6,264	6,264
At 30 September 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>61,965</u>	<u>61,965</u>
Net book values			
At 30 September 2022	<u>52,500</u>	<u>673</u>	<u>53,173</u>
At 30 September 2021	<u>52,500</u>	<u>6,937</u>	<u>59,437</u>

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	5,595	2,956
	<u>5,595</u>	<u>2,956</u>

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30 September 2022

12. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Loans and overdrafts	52,500	52,500
	52,500	52,500

The following liabilities disclosed under creditors falling due after more than one year are secured by the charity:

Bank loans and overdrafts	52,500	52,500
	52,500	52,500

13. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/10/2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/09/2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	6,390	9,279	(21,794)	(6,125)
	6,390	9,279	(21,794)	(6,125)

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/10/2019	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/09/2020
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	9,157	18,762	(21,529)	6,390
	9,157	18,762	(21,529)	6,390

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

No purpose

Restricted Funds

	Balance at 01/10/2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/09/2022
	£	£	£	£
General	23,961	20,503	(11,545)	32,919
	23,961	20,503	(11,545)	32,919

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30 September 2021

Restricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/10/2020	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/09/2021
	£	£	£	£
General	17,380	12,867	(6,286)	23,961
	17,380	12,867	(6,286)	23,961
	17,380	12,867	(6,286)	23,961

Purpose of restricted funds

General

Community garden in Marlpit

Sustainable Living Initiative
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 30 September 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Grants receivable	20,710	12,867
	20,710	12,867
Charitable activities		
Income from charitable activities	5,875	4,366
	5,875	4,366
Other trading activities		
Income from open days & allotment sales	-	675
Income from Other Activities	3,197	13,721
	3,197	14,396
Total incoming resources	29,782	31,629
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Cost of direct charitable activity	(1)	(1)
Staff costs - wages & salaries	(3,894)	(1,085)
Depreciation - owned assets	(6,264)	(6,264)
Council plot rental	(1,100)	(1,943)
Conservation work	(2,175)	(965)
Small tools, equipment, repairs & gardening sundries	(370)	(1,082)
Allotment insurance	(211)	(211)
Plot improvements	(274)	(485)
Other	(12,877)	(13,852)
Seeds, plants, manure, compost	(450)	(436)
Training costs & Member Course Costs	(1,138)	(90)
	(20,462)	(26,414)
SUPPORT COSTS		
Office Costs		
Office Costs	(3,791)	(1,155)
	(1,155)	(1,155)
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	(403)	(617)
Other office costs	(391)	(300)
	(795)	(917)
Total resources expended	(33,339)	(28,846)
Net Income	3,557	3,143

SUSTAINABLE LIVING INITIATIVE

England & Wales - Charity number 1154190

Accounts

Charity number: 1154190

Company number: 05472105

(England and Wales)

SUSTAINABLE LIVING INITIATIVE

Sustainable Living Initiative

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 September 2021

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Sustainable Living Initiative
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 30 September 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Sustainable Living Initiative is a company limited by guarantee, and became a charity on 14 October 2013.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The directors of the company are also the charity trustees for the purposes of charity law.

All Directors give their time voluntarily, and receive no benefits from the charity. The directors are recruited from the members (some of whom are allotment plot holders as well), and are appointed at a meeting of the directors

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 30 September 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The aim of the SLI is to improve the quality of life for individuals and communities through better health, environmental activities and training.

We do this by providing outdoor activities that include growing fruit and vegetables and managing our herbs, orchard, bees and forest garden all in an environmentally sensitive manner. We provide horticultural and cooking training courses and opportunities to share these skills.

A review of the past year and plans for the future year are considered by the directors each year to review all key activities and the benefits they have brought to the residents of Norwich and beyond who are members of Sustainable Living Initiative, or those who have participated in training provided by the charity, or have visited its website for advice. These reviews help ensure that our objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes and are to the benefit of the public.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our membership numbers continued to increase during 2020-2021 as more people are interested in starting to grow fruit and vegetables. During Covid restrictions we continued providing seeds, plants, and advice to our members and kept our gardens open. Our volunteering work in the community gardens including looking after our beehives continued while respecting social distance. Through our website, Facebook and monthly newsletters we maintained good communications with our members.

Face-to-face training sessions taking people right from the beginning of planning a plot through to planting, pruning, and dealing with those hardy perennials – pests and diseases are offered alongside a bank of training videos which were recorded on site. We resumed our monthly cookery club experimenting with international culinary traditions using our home-grown food. We continue to run activities for school children during the holidays introducing them to the delights of nature and the magic of growing plants. We have expanded beyond food to include workshops on candle making using our own beeswax and sessions on dyeing fabrics using plants grown on site.

We have had our usual regular visits from volunteers at AVIVA and the Good Gym who have grown to love our field at Marlpit.

Other groups which have taken their own plots include local schoolchildren and people with mental health problems.

Our day-to-day work continues with members looking after their own mini plots and joining in work on communal areas which nearly always involves some delicious food to keep us going.

Future Plans

Since October 2020, when the full-time programme manager retired, the trustees have organised and managed activities in our community gardens along with our members and corporate volunteers. This situation will be reviewed to ensure management tasks are deliverable. A part-time office manager manages the day-to-day administrative tasks and book-keeping. Our accountant, Triple Bottom Line Accounting, is taking care of preparing our accounts and reporting to the Companies House, Charity Commission and HMRC.

A wellbeing garden is to be developed to provide a space for perennial vegetables, cut flowers and plants for dyeing to be grown in a space that can be accessed for quiet contemplation and gentle activities by members and external groups.

Outdoor cooking facilities are being planned which will offer additional skills and social opportunities to members and site users, creating even closer links between growing and cooking.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income for the year was £31,629 of which 40% was from grants and donations and the rest was from our plot rental including membership, produce sale and Suma Coop income. During this period, we received grants from the Tudor Trust, Norfolk Garden Trust, Norwich City Council, and donations from individuals.

Our total expenditure for the same period was £28,486; roughly one-third of our total expenditure was related to overheads including salaries, office rent, accounts and telephone and internet. The rest of the expenditure was on land rent, garden maintenance, training, seeds and plants, small tools, and Suma Coop.

As the income from our plot rental including membership fees and allotment sales is far from adequate to cover our basic core costs we will continue to rely on grants and donations to carry out our charitable activities in the foreseeable future.

Acknowledgement

We would like to thank the Tudor Trust, Norwich City Council and Norfolk Garden Trust for supporting our work by providing grants and donations during October 2020 to September 2021. Our thanks also go to volunteers from AVIVA, GoodGym and Voluntary Norfolk who have helped us maintain our community gardens. Last but not least - a big thank you to all our trustees, members and volunteers whose unwavering support helps keep the organisation running.

Sustainable Living Initiative
Report of the Trustees Continued
For the year ended 30 September 2021

Name of Charity	Sustainable Living Initiative
Charity registration number	1154190
Company registration number	05472105
Principal address	Marlipit Community Centre Hellesdon Road Norwich Norfolk NR6 5EG

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Rochelle Wilson
Peter Medhurst
Rose Baulcombe
Anandan Vijayalakshmi Moorthie
Julian Pitt
Anne Marie Steward

Secretary	Anne Marie Steward
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Independent examiners	Triple Bottom Line Accounting Limited The Enterprise Centre University of East Anglia Norwich Norfolk NR4 7TJ
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

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Anne Marie Steward

Sustainable Living Initiative

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

For the period ended 30th September 2021

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 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, with the seeking of 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.

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In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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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.



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Sustainable Living Initiative
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 30 September 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	-	12,867	12,867	21,045
Charitable activities	3	4,366	-	4,366	6,283
Other trading activities	4	14,396	-	14,396	8,649
Total		18,762	12,867	31,629	35,977
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5/6	(21,529)	(6,957)	(28,486)	(37,512)
Total		(21,529)	(6,957)	(28,486)	(37,512)
Net income/expenditure		(2,767)	5,910	3,143	(1,535)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		9,157	17,380	26,537	28,722
Total funds carried forward		6,390	23,290	29,680	27,187

Sustainable Living Initiative
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 September 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	59,437	65,701
		<u>59,437</u>	<u>65,701</u>
Current assets			
Debtors		2,026	-
Cash at bank and in hand		24,344	14,657
		<u>26,370</u>	<u>14,657</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,956)	(671)
Net current assets		<u>23,414</u>	<u>13,986</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>82,851</u>	<u>79,687</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(52,500)	(52,500)
Net assets		<u>30,351</u>	<u>27,187</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted income funds	14	23,961	21,648
Unrestricted income funds	14	6,390	5,539
Total funds		<u>30,351</u>	<u>27,187</u>

For the year ended 30 September 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 September 2021

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Sustainable Living Initiative meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2021	2020
	£	£
Restricted funds		
Grants received	12,867	21,045
	12,867	21,045

3. Income from charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Marlpit Community Garden</i>		
Income from charitable activities	4,366	6,283

4. Income earned from other activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
open days & allotment sales	675	735
Other Activities	13,721	7,914
	14,396	8,649

5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Marlpit Community Garden	19,457	6,957	26,414	34,234
Support costs	2,072	-	2,072	3,278
	21,529	6,957	28,486	37,512

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30 September 2021

6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	2021 £	2020 £
Support costs				
Marlpit Community Garden	26,414	2,072	28,486	37,512

7. Analysis of support costs

		2021 £	2020 £
Marlpit Community Garden			
Office Costs	Time	1,155	2,529
Governance costs		917	749
		<u>2,072</u>	<u>3,278</u>

8. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	6,264	6,264
Accountancy fees	617	749
	<u>6,881</u>	<u>7,013</u>

9. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 30 September 2021 were:

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries and wages	1,085	12,419
	<u>1,085</u>	<u>12,419</u>

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30 September 2021

10. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	-	21,045	21,045
Charitable activities	6,283	-	6,283
Other trading activities	8,649	-	8,649
Total	14,932	21,045	35,977
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	(17,179)	(20,333)	(37,512)
Total	(17,179)	(20,333)	(37,512)
Net income/expenditure	(2,247)	712	(1,535)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	7,786	20,936	28,722
Total funds carried forward	5,539	21,648	27,187

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and Buildings £	Allotment and facilities £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 01 October 2020	52,500	62,639	115,139
At 30 September 2021	52,500	62,639	115,139
Depreciation			
At 01 October 2020	-	49,438	49,438
Charge for year	-	6,264	6,264
At 30 September 2021	-	55,702	55,702
Net book values			
At 30 September 2021	52,500	6,937	59,437
At 30 September 2020	52,500	13,201	65,701

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals and deferred income	2,956	671
	2,956	671

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30 September 2021

13. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Loans and overdrafts	52,500	52,500
	52,500	52,500

The following liabilities disclosed under creditors falling due after more than one year are secured by the charity:

Bank loans and overdrafts	52,500	52,500
	52,500	52,500

14. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/10/2020	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/09/2021
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	9,157	18,762	(21,529)	6,390
	9,157	18,762	(21,529)	6,390

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/10/2019	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/09/2020
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	7,786	14,932	(17,179)	5,539
	7,786	14,932	(17,179)	5,539

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

No purpose

Restricted Funds

	Balance at 01/10/2020	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/09/2021
	£	£	£	£
General	17,380	12,867	(6,957)	23,290
	17,380	12,867	(6,957)	23,290

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30 September 2021

Restricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/10/2019	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/09/2020
	£	£	£	£
General	20,936	21,045	(20,333)	21,648
	<u>20,936</u>	<u>21,045</u>	<u>(20,333)</u>	<u>21,648</u>

Purpose of restricted funds

General

Community garden in Marlpit

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Creditors > one year	Net Assets
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	-	11,277	-	11,277
Restricted funds				
General	59,437	11,466	(52,500)	18,403
	<u>59,437</u>	<u>22,743</u>	<u>(52,500)</u>	<u>29,680</u>

Previous year

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Creditors > one year	Net Assets
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	-	5,539	-	5,539
Restricted funds				
General	65,701	8,447	(52,500)	21,648
	<u>65,701</u>	<u>13,986</u>	<u>(52,500)</u>	<u>27,187</u>

Sustainable Living Initiative
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 30 September 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Grants receivable	12,867	21,045
	12,867	21,045
Charitable activities		
Income from charitable activities	4,366	6,283
	4,366	6,283
Other trading activities		
Income from open days & allotment sales	675	735
Income from Other Activities	13,721	7,914
	14,396	8,649
Total incoming resources	31,629	35,977
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Cost of direct charitable activity	(1)	-
Staff costs - wages & salaries	(1,085)	(12,419)
Depreciation - owned assets	(6,264)	(6,264)
Council plot rental	(1,943)	(80)
Conservation work	(965)	(463)
Small tools, equipment, repairs & gardening sundries	(1,082)	(2,138)
Allotment insurance	(211)	(293)
Plot improvements	(485)	(205)
Other	(13,852)	(11,245)
Seeds, plants, manure, compost	(436)	(689)
Training costs & Member Course Costs	(90)	(438)
	(26,414)	(34,234)
SUPPORT COSTS		
Office Costs		
Office Costs	(1,155)	(2,529)
	(1,155)	(2,529)
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	(617)	(749)
Other office costs	(300)	-
	(917)	(749)
Total resources expended	(28,486)	(37,512)
Net Income	3,143	(1,535)

SUSTAINABLE LIVING INITIATIVE

England & Wales - Charity number 1154190

Accounts

**SUSTAINABLE
LIVING
INITIATIVE**

(Company Limited by Guarantee)

**Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 September 2020**

Charity Number 1154190

Company Number 05472105

Sustainable Living Initiative

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 September 2020

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Structure, governance and management

Sustainable Living Initiative is a company limited by guarantee, and became a charity on 14 October 2013.

The directors of the company are also the charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. All Directors give their time voluntarily, and receive no benefits from the charity. The directors are recruited from the members (some of whom are allotment plot holders as well), and are appointed at a meeting of the directors.

Objectives and Activities

The aim of the SLI is to improve the quality of life for individuals and communities through better health, environmental activities and training.

We do this by providing outdoor activities that are currently centered on growing fruit and vegetables, horticulture and cooking training courses, herbs, bees and forest gardening in an environmentally sensitive manner.

A review of the past year, and plans for the future year are considered by the directors each year to review all key activities and the benefits they have brought to the residents of Norwich and beyond who are members of Sustainable Living Initiative, or those who have participated in training provided by the charity, or visited its website for advice. These reviews help ensure that our objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes and are to the benefit of the public.

Achievements and Performance

Our membership number increased slightly during the COVID-19 lockdown as more people wanted to start growing fruit and vegetables. Despite the lockdown, we continued providing seeds, plants and advice to our members and kept our gardens open. Our volunteering work in the community gardens including looking after our bee hives continued while maintaining social distance. Through our website, Facebook and monthly newsletters, we maintained good communications with our members.

We also had to be innovative when we could not get into our office which is in a Community Centre; we used to cook meals for our volunteers and run cooking and food preserving training at the Centre. As a result, we had to work from home and had to cancel all our planned activities due to COVID-19. So we started making gardening videos and having fortnightly zoom training sessions during the busy growing season. Members were also using online facilities to plan and organise regular activities in our community gardens while strictly following the government's COVID-19 regulations.

One of the main social activities in our community gardens is weekly and monthly food-sharing where volunteers get a home-cooked lunch prepared using fresh produce from our garden. Due to COVID-19, we have been unable to continue this activity. Members still come in a small group and carry out essential tasks but the delight of sharing a home-cooked meal is missing.

Future Plans

In view of the departure of the founder and programme manager at the end of October 2020, a new management structure has been developed. Under this arrangement, trustees will

organise and manage activities in our community gardens along with our members and corporate volunteers. A part-time office manager will manage the day to day administrative tasks and book-keeping. Our accountant, Triple Bottom Line Accounting, is taking care of preparing our accounts and reporting to the Companies House, Charity Commission and HMRC.

Financial Review

Income for the year was £35985 of which 58% was from grant and donations and rest was from our plot rental including membership, produce sale and Suma Coop income. During this period, we received a grant from the Tudor Trust and donations from the Virgin Money Foundation and individuals.

Our total expenditure for the same period was £37512; nearly two-thirds of our total expenditure was related to overheads including salaries, office rent, accounts and telephone and internet. The rest of the expenditure was on land rent, garden maintenance, training, seeds and plants, small tools and Suma Coop.

As the income from our plot rental including membership fees and allotment sales is far from adequate to cover our basic core costs, we will continue to rely on grants and donations to carry out our charitable activities in the foreseeable future.

Acknowledgement

After sixteen years this is my last report as SLI Secretary and Programme Manager. I would like to thank all our members and trustees past and present for their hard work and support in keeping the charity functioning and fulfilling its objectives.

On behalf of SLI, I would like to thank the Tudor Trust, Virgin Money and an individual donor for supporting our work by providing grants and donations. Our thanks also go to volunteers from AVIVA and GoodGym.

Sustainable Living Initiative

Report of the Directors

For the Year Ended 30 September 2020

Reference and administrative information

Charity Name:	Sustainable Living Initiative
Charity Registration Number:	1154190
Company Registration Number:	05472105
Registered office and operational address:	Marlpit Community Centre Hellesdon Road Norwich NR6 5EG

Directors

P Medhurst
Paul Nicholson
Rochelle Wilson, Chair
Anne Marie Steward
Steve Watson
Viji Moorthie
Rose Baulcombe

Secretary

M Pant

Sustainable Living Initiative
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 30 September 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 30 September 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

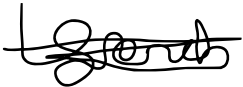
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners 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 that in any material respect:

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 records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the 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 102).

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.



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17 November 2020

Sustainable Living Initiative
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 30 September 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 £	2019 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	-	21,045	21,045	25,770
Charitable activities	3	6,283	-	6,283	4,085
Other trading activities	4	8,649	-	8,649	4,834
Total		14,932	21,045	35,977	34,689
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5/6	(17,179)	(20,333)	(37,512)	(36,057)
Total		(17,179)	(20,333)	(37,512)	(36,057)
Net income/expenditure		(2,247)	712	(1,535)	(1,368)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		7,786	20,936	28,722	30,090
Total funds carried forward		5,539	21,648	27,187	28,722

Sustainable Living Initiative
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 September 2020

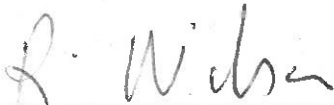
	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	65,701	71,966
		<u>65,701</u>	<u>71,966</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		14,657	10,219
		<u>14,657</u>	<u>10,219</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(671)	(963)
Net current assets		<u>13,986</u>	<u>9,256</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>79,687</u>	<u>81,222</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(52,500)	(52,500)
Net assets		<u>27,187</u>	<u>28,722</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted income funds	14	21,648	20,937
Unrestricted income funds	14	5,539	7,785
Total funds		<u>27,187</u>	<u>28,722</u>

For the year ended 30 September 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statement were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



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Rochelle Wilson
Trustee

17 November 2020

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 September 2020

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Sustainable Living Initiative meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2020	2019
	£	£
Restricted funds		
Grants received	21,045	25,770
	21,045	25,770

3. Income from charitable activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Marlpit Community Garden</i>		
Income from charitable activities	6,283	4,085
	6,283	4,085

4. Income earned from other activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
open days & allotment sales	735	1,125
Other Activities	7,914	3,709
	8,649	4,834

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30 September 2020

5. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Marlpit Community Garden	13,901	20,333	34,234	29,513
Allotments	-	-	-	2,706
Gardening Training	-	-	-	250
Support costs	3,278	-	3,278	3,588
	<u>17,179</u>	<u>20,333</u>	<u>37,512</u>	<u>36,057</u>

6. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Support costs				
Marlpit Community Garden	34,234	3,278	37,512	33,101
Allotments	-	-	-	2,706
Gardening Training	-	-	-	250
	<u>34,234</u>	<u>3,278</u>	<u>37,512</u>	<u>36,057</u>

7. Analysis of support costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Marlpit Community Garden		
Office Costs Time	2,529	2,823
Governance costs	749	765
	<u>3,278</u>	<u>3,588</u>

8. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	6,264	6,264
Accountancy fees	749	765

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30 September 2020

9. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 30 September 2020 were:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Salaries and wages	12,419	12,202
	<u>12,419</u>	<u>12,202</u>

10. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2019
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	770	25,000	25,770
Charitable activities	4,085	-	4,085
Other trading activities	4,834	-	4,834
Total	<u>9,689</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>34,689</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	(13,943)	(22,114)	(36,057)
Total	<u>(13,943)</u>	<u>(22,114)</u>	<u>(36,057)</u>
Net income/expenditure	(4,254)	2,886	(1,368)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	12,039	18,051	30,090
Total funds carried forward	<u>7,785</u>	<u>20,937</u>	<u>28,722</u>

11. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Land and Buildings	Allotment and facilities	Total
	£	£	£
At 01 October 2019	52,500	62,639	115,139
At 30 September 2020	<u>52,500</u>	<u>62,639</u>	<u>115,139</u>
Depreciation			
At 01 October 2019	-	43,174	43,174
Charge for year	-	6,264	6,264
At 30 September 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>49,438</u>	<u>49,438</u>
Net book values			
At 30 September 2020	<u>52,500</u>	<u>13,201</u>	<u>65,701</u>
At 30 September 2019	<u>52,500</u>	<u>19,465</u>	<u>71,965</u>

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30 September 2020

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	671	963
	671	963

13. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other Loan	52,500	52,500
	52,500	52,500

The following liabilities disclosed under creditors falling due after more than one year are secured by the charity:

Bank loans and overdrafts	52,500	52,500
	52,500	52,500

14. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/10/2019	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/09/2020
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	7,786	14,932	(17,179)	5,539
	7,786	14,932	(17,179)	5,539

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/10/2018	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/09/2019
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	12,039	9,689	(13,943)	7,785
	12,039	9,689	(13,943)	7,785

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

No purpose

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30 September 2020

Restricted Funds

	Balance at 01/10/2019	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/09/2020
	£	£	£	£
General	20,936	21,045	(20,333)	21,648
	<u>20,936</u>	<u>21,045</u>	<u>(20,333)</u>	<u>21,648</u>

Restricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/10/2018	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/09/2019
	£	£	£	£
General	18,051	25,000	(22,114)	20,937
	<u>18,051</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>(22,114)</u>	<u>20,937</u>

Purpose of restricted funds

General

Community garden in Marlpit

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Creditors > one year	Net Assets
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	-	5,539	-	5,539
Restricted funds				
General	65,701	8,447	(52,500)	21,648
	<u>65,701</u>	<u>13,986</u>	<u>(52,500)</u>	<u>27,187</u>

Sustainable Living Initiative
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30 September 2020

Previous year

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Creditors > one year	Net Assets
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	-	7,785	-	7,785
Restricted funds				
General	71,966	1,471	(52,500)	20,937
	71,966	9,256	(52,500)	28,722

Sustainable Living Initiative
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 30 September 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Grants receivable	21,045	25,770
	<u>21,045</u>	<u>25,770</u>
Charitable activities		
Income from charitable activities	6,283	4,085
	<u>6,283</u>	<u>4,085</u>
Other trading activities		
Income from open days & allotment sales	735	1,125
Income from Other Activities	7,914	3,709
	<u>8,649</u>	<u>4,834</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>35,977</u>	<u>34,689</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Staff costs - wages & salaries	(12,419)	(12,202)
Depreciation - owned assets	(6,264)	(6,264)
Conservation work	(463)	(1,786)
Small tools, equipment, repairs & gardening sundries	(2,138)	(1,877)
Allotment insurance	(293)	(216)
Plot improvements	(205)	(2,418)
Other	(11,245)	(4,750)
Council plot rental	(80)	(963)
Seeds, plants, manure and compost	(689)	(1,743)
Training costs & members' course costs	(438)	(250)
	<u>(34,234)</u>	<u>(32,469)</u>
SUPPORT COSTS		
Office Costs		
Office Costs	(2,529)	(2,823)
	<u>(2,529)</u>	<u>(2,823)</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	(749)	(765)
	<u>(749)</u>	<u>(765)</u>
Total resources expended	<u>(37,512)</u>	<u>(36,057)</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(1,535)</u>	<u>(1,368)</u>