

It was a good start to the year free of any covid restrictions and to be able to plan more social events. In June one of our members invited us to have an event in her garden, which had recently undergone a makeover. An entrance charge covered tea, coffee and wonderful homemade cakes. There were also sales of brick-a-brack, plants, books and a raffle to raise further funds. In total we raised over £300 and everyone enjoyed sitting in the lovely garden.

In July we were delighted to have a stall at the village carnival again. It is good to support the event which passes on all the profits to the community. We gain the benefit of advertising all the allotments and raising funds from the sale of plants, books and a raffle. Also in July we held a social event on the site to celebrate the strawberry season. Members gathered on a very hot Sunday afternoon to socialise and enjoy a variety of cakes, made with strawberries, and scones served with homemade strawberry jam made from fruit grown on the allotment.

We were lucky to have another warm day for our Autumn celebration in October. Members entered their produce into various categories for judging including the longest runner bean, the best "harvest person", the weirdest shaped vegetable, the smallest pumpkin and the largest pumpkin, which weighed in at an amazing 24 Kilos. After judging everyone enjoyed a variety of apple cakes made from apples from the orchard.

In January the Wassail was very well attended by many members and friends and the weather was good. Everyone entered into the spirit of the event wearing Ivy headdresses. Musicians led the parade around the orchard and everyone generated a lot of noise to awaken the trees in order to produce a good harvest. After singing traditional songs the orchard was toasted with mulled cider. The excellent cooks on the committee provided hot soup and then cakes. Everyone really enjoyed the event including our trustees.

Following the limitations of covid the committee looked at ways of improving communication with members. A new website has been setup, also a facebook and WhatsApp group. A committee member produces a regular newsletter which is sent out to members. We also have a notice board on site to keep everyone up to date. The Local Council have included us on their list of local allotments and a new banner has gone up in the entrance with contact details for further information. Posters advertising any unused plots have been put up locally and we are listed in the local free magazine delivered to houses in the village.

There have been some changes in membership but most of the plots have been cultivated for most of the year. We have reduced the size of plots for new members to control the number of plots not fully utilised and give more people the opportunity to have a plot. Monitoring the plots is undertaken regularly by the site manager who gives a report to the committee and any follow up action can be taken. We have decided to take a deposit of one year's rent from new members to pay for clearing their plot if it is left in a condition unsuitable for reletting. This fee refunded if the plot is left in a good condition.

The committee took the decision to bring the annual renewal of rent payment forward to the end of February. This was approved at the last AGM and gives new members the opportunity to start preparation of plots earlier in the season. We have purchased our own rotovator to help clear plots. The hedging plants damaged by horses have now been replaced.

Due to the cost of living crisis the committee agreed not to increase rents this year but stated they will go up next year.

We were very pleased that all our Trustees were prepared to continue in their role and were happy with the running of the society. We really do appreciate their support.

Our finances remain healthy. With information from the National Allotment Society we have moved our bank account to Metro Bank. This will avoid paying the monthly fee, bank charges for cheques and enable us to pay in at a local Post Office.

Having regular face to face committee meetings has enabled us to make improvements in the management of the Society this year. We now feel in a good position to start the new season on the allotments.



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the
trustees/members of**

Charity Name
Wolverley Allotment Society

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

115471

Set out on pages

3 and 4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

C.A. Sherrey

Date:

30th August 2023

Name:

Charles A. Sherrey F.C.A.

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Chartered Accountant

Address:

Falcons Rest, Fairfield Lane,
Wolverley, Kidderminster,
Worcestershire DY11 5QJ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Wolverley Allotment Society

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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fund raising	514	-	-	514	21
Donations	1	-	-	1	-
Subscriptions - 2023 (2022)	1,373	-	-	1,373	1,233
Subscriptions - 2024 (2023)	1,298	-	-	1,298	-
Reserve account interest	23	-	-	23	1
Refundable bonds	380	-	-	380	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,589	-	-	3,589	1,255
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,589	-	-	3,589	1,255
A3 Payments					
Fundraising costs	40	-	-	40	-
Bank charges	70	-	-	70	20
Work on site	764	-	-	764	832
Equipment	416	-	-	416	492
NASALG membership	123	-	-	123	174
Insurance	187	-	-	187	185
Administration	126	-	-	126	17
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,726	-	-	1,726	1,720
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,726	-	-	1,726	1,720
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,863	-	-	1,863	(465)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,863	-	-	1,863	(465)

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Current Account	1,971	-	-
Reserve Account	6,223	-	-
Petty Cash	124	-	-
Total cash funds	8,318	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

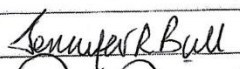
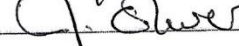
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JENNIFER R. BULL	24-08-23
	JANET MARY OLIVER	24-08-23