

During the year Treasurer Andrew Parry resigned from his position and Liz Dooley volunteered to fill the post.

There has been an increase in the number of plots on the site as a result of dividing some full plots into $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, and $\frac{1}{2}$ plots to meet individual requirements and increase availability. There are now a total of 55 plots including the raised beds. Some members have more than one plot and some plots are shared. There are currently 48 plot holders and a further 14 people paying individual insurance to work on shared plots. Most of the plots have been taken for most of the year. We even have a waiting list for plots showing the popularity of our wonderful allotment site.

Changing the date of the rent payments, to a month earlier, has enabled new members to start working on their plots in preparation for planting.

Again, we have had a number of successful social events which have been enjoyed by members, their friends and family and also helped to raise valuable funds to maintain the site.

A Member of the committee generously opened her garden again, which was well attended on a lovely Saturday in June. Everyone enjoyed seeing the garden and enjoying her wonderful cakes served with tea and coffee. The addition of the sale of plants, books and a raffle, together with the entrance money, raised a total of £365.

On Midsummer Day a Fish and Chip Supper was organised at short notice when the sun came out after a wet start to the day. A large order was phoned to the Fish and Chip Shop, and collected. After the Fish and Chips, the competition to see how many potatoes could be grown in a container was judged. Most people had planted 5 potatoes, but one member had the best crop after planting only 3, following Monty Don's advice. We had a very enjoyable evening on the site.

We had our usual stall at the carnival. Instead of a raffle a prepared tray of marked carrots in compost was the star attraction. People paid to pull up a carrot to see if they had won a prize. This was very popular with both children and adults and raised £69.50. The sale of books raised £76 and the produce, plants and fresh flowers raised £102. Thanks to everyone who contributed. It is good publicity to have a presence at this village event as well as raising funds. In addition, the Carnival Committee donate their profits to local charities. An application was put together and we were granted £150 towards providing a shelter for members on the site.

The apple crop was so good this year we had an "Apple Fest" to celebrate. We gathered on the site on a lovely, sunny October day. A committee member, and retired chef, cooked food on the barbeque, including his famous apple fritters. Members took other apple deserts, made from the crop, to share. This was another successful event.

In November a quiz was organised. When people knew who had made one of the raffle prizes, a Lemon Drizzle Cake, they were very enthusiastic to buy tickets. The event raised a total of £90.

We started this year's events with our annual Wassail to bless the trees in the orchard to encourage a good crop of fruit. We had a really excellent turnout and everyone had a crown of ivy to wear, entering into the tradition of the event. Toast was hung in the trees to encourage the birds. Accompanied by musicians, everyone walked round the trees making a lot of noise to awaken the trees (thought it was to scare away evil spirits). This was followed by singing traditional songs and toasting the trees with cider. Finally, everyone enjoyed hot soup, and cakes made by the committee.

A new member kindly made a splendid new notice board for the entrance to the site. The Banner disappeared in the gales! They have also organised new hardcore in the gateway where it was getting very muddy.

Following the request made by members using the new plots at the top of the site, a new dip tank was installed.

In December Severn Trent notified us of a water leak on the site. The water was turned off. Eventually, in February, the location of the leak was identified and a local contractor organised new pipework to be fitted curing the problem.

We had a request from someone to make a podcast about the allotment but there was a problem with the recording. We are not sure if the second recording went on line. There was also a request from a local Social Prescribing Organiser to have a plot for patients but unfortunately this did not materialise.

The rotavator, which was purchased, had to be sold on the advice of our Trustees due to insurance complications.

Great efforts have been made to tidy the site, removing old palates and rubbish. Thanks to committee members for organising this and also for negotiating the delivery of wood chip to the site

The piece of land on the corner of Lowe Lane and Fairfield Lane, adjoining our site has been sold. The new owner has applied for planning permission for 6 self-build homes on half the land. We are hoping that they will provide a secure boundary. This has been discussed with the Parish Council.

My report shows how active the committee and members have been during the year and illustrates the success of the allotments and the commitment of everyone to continue to support and maintain the allotments. Special thanks to the committee for all the time and work they put into running the site. Also, to the Trustees for their support.

This report indicates the number of events and improvements made on the site or our benefit. We can look forward to the coming year on the plot with a healthy bank balance, a strong committee and a full site.



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 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

115471

Set out on pages

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(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 31/03/2024.

**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: 

Date: 6th October 2024

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

Charity Name
Wolverley Allotment Society

No (if any)
1154971

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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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	850	-	-	850	514
Donations	193	-	-	193	1
Subscriptions - 2024 (2023)	-	-	-	-	1,373
Subscriptions - 2025 (2024)	1,497	-	-	1,497	1,298
Reserve account interest	72	-	-	72	23
Refundable bonds	22	-	-	22	380
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,634	-	-	2,634	3,589
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,634	-	-	2,634	3,589
A3 Payments					
Fundraising costs	10	-	-	10	40
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	70
Work on site	1,247	-	-	1,247	764
Equipment	334	-	-	334	416
NASALG membership	-	-	-	-	123
Insurance	362	-	-	362	187
Administration	84	-	-	84	126
Refundable bonds	11	-	-	11	-
Purchases of stock	26	-	-	26	-
Sub total	2,074	-	-	2,074	1,726
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,074	-	-	2,074	1,726
Net of receipts/(payments)	560	-	-	560	1,863
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	560	-	-	560	1,863

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	8,794	-	-
	Reserve Account	-	-	-
	Petty Cash	84	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,878	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

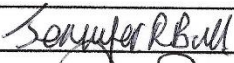
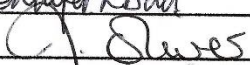
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	J Bull	9.01.25
	J Oliver	9.01.25