

WOLVERLEY ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2024-25

However it was disappointing that the 10 year celebration had to be cancelled due to heavy rain. We look forward to having a belated celebration next year.

There have been some amendments to the Tenancy Agreement following guidelines provided by the National Allotment Society. It is important that plots are fully utilised, maintained and left in a suitable condition for reletting. Regular checks are being made and any concerns reported to plot holders. Deposits can be retained for restoration of plots. I thank the committee members for their time and effort spent clearing a large amount of rubbish left on the site which filled a large skip. This must not be allowed to happen again.

Sadly we have had 3 resignations from the committee – Liz Dooley, Chris Thornton and Siuzi Jones, all due to changes in their personal circumstances. We thank them for their input to the society during their term of office. Thanks also go to vice chairman Janet Oliver for taking on the role of treasurer until a new treasurer can be found.

Planning permission was requested for 6 houses on land adjacent to our site. The Parish Council discussed this at their meeting and comments were sent to the District Council. Many people expressed their concerns regarding the matter and I had 3 minutes to put forward the possible problems the building would cause the allotments. The planning permission was refused but it is expected further applications will be made. This caused us to give consideration to the marking of our boundary since the all the trees, which originally marked the boundary, have died. Different options were discussed amongst the committee and trustees. Fencing would have to be concreted in, a quote was obtained but was far beyond our means. The latest suggestion is that spikes and posts should be provided for plot holders along the boundary to construct their own barrier avoiding damage to plants. This may not be secure but it will show a clear boundary to meet the requirements of our insurance. We can't fully secure the site as people can climb over the gate!

One of the highlights of the year was the excellent crop of apples. We felt they should be put to good use. A juicing company called Mill Orchards was located at Great Witley. After an apple picking day was organised Carole, Steve and Sharon filled 3 cars to transport the apples to be juiced. The result was 109 bottles of delicious apple juice. After being labelled with the required information they were sold on the site for £3.50 a bottle or 3 bottles for £10. They all sold very quickly and raised £127.87 for funds after expenses.

The gales caused problems with polytunnels flying through the site causing some damage to plots. Measures have to be taken to prevent further problems this winter.

We had our usual fundraising events. Lyn opened her delightful garden again to visitors and provided her wonderful cakes served with tea or coffee. There was a raffle with prizes provided by members and a book and plant sale. It was an

extremely hot day and, unfortunately some regular attendees were on holiday. However we raised an excellent £302.20 after expenses. We are very grateful for the work Lyn puts into this event.

Unfortunately the weather was not good for the carnival this year which reduced the number of people attending. We sold plants and books and Sharon had her "pick a carrot" stall enabling us to raise £113 before expenses. We also received a £200 donation from the Carnival Committee to provide garden tools for the use of plot holders.

Our Wassail was extremely well attended with many now regular visitors. After the singing traditional wassail songs in the orchard, accompanied by musicians, and making lots of noise to awaken the trees, we drank mulled cider to toast various aspects of the allotment site, including Steve who plays a very important role on the site. We then enjoyed a hearty spread of home made soup, bread and an excellent range of delicious cakes. It was another great event enjoyed by members and friends raising £86.20 in donations before expenses. We hope the trees respond as well as last year.

The only problem was the people who supply us with wood chip had delivered a large load and tipped it in front of the gate! Fortunately someone was alerted and they contacted Steve and other members who turned up with shovels and wheelbarrows to remove the woodchop. Thanks to all those people who saved the day! Thanks also the Charles for loaning us the use of his large gazebo for people to sit or shelter after the activity.



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 2025

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 31/03/2024.

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").

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.

Independent
examiner's statement

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: 22/1/2026

Name: Charles A. Sherrey

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

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Wolverley, Kidderminster,
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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

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Independent Examiner's Report

Section A

Report to the trustees/members of	Wolverley Allotment Society
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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:

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Independent examiner's statement

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October 2018

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	5,089	-	-
	Reserve Account	5,061	-	-
	Petty Cash	46	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,186	-	-

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Jennifer R. Bull
J Oliver

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