

MILE ROAD ALLOTMENT AND LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1155301

Details

Other names MRALGA

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [08329257](#)

Registered 2014-01-13

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

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF BEDFORD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY PROVIDING ALLOTMENT FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATIONAL LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Activities: The Charity?s objects (the Objects) are: To further or benefit the residents of Bedford and the surrounding area without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by providing allotment facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreational leisure time occupation with the objective of improving life for the residents."

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BEDFORD
- Bedford

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£50,633	£49,080	-	-
2024-09-30	£46,560	£43,832	-	-
2023-09-30	£50,861	£51,407	-	-
2022-09-30	£50,188	£47,882	-	-
2021-09-30	£36,330	£29,067	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Matthew	Chair	2024-11-16
David Osborn		2018-11-17
David moon		2017-11-11
Maria Moon		2015-10-30
Mark Moore		2019-03-01
Myra Underwood		2025-08-09
christopher baldwin		2025-11-15
rachel kelly maddams		2025-11-15

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Report of the Trustees

For the year ending September 2025

The directors are also trustees and present their report with the accounts for the year ending September 2025. The amounts comply with the companies act 2006. The charities Act 2011, the memorandum and articles of the association. Financial reporting standard 102 and follow the recommendations in accounting and reporting by Charities. Statement Of recommended Practice applicable in the UK and republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015)

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Trustees

Name	Position	Elected	Date
Carol Andrew	Treasurer and data management	Re elected	November 2019
Maria Moon	Chair and plot inspections	Re elected	November 2019
David Moon	Maintenance	Re elected	November 2019
David Osborn	Vice-Chair and plot inspections	Re elected	November 2019
Garry Black	Health and safety	Re elected	November 2022
Robert Hunter	Animal Welfare	Elected	November 2024
		Resigned	February 2025
Anthony Matthews	Maintenance	Elected	November 2024
Myra Underwood		Co opted	August 2025

Governance and management

The charity is a company ltd by Guarantee with no shareholders and a registered charity.

It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 12th December 2012 and amended 30th June 2016. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Aim and objectives

To further benefit the residents of Bedford and surrounding area without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by providing allotment facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreational leisure time occupation with the objective of improving life for residents.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for public Benefit.

To manage the site for the membership who live in Bedford and the surrounding area. We continually improve the site by maintaining facilities, access ways and communal areas.

Our membership process allows any member of the public to join us. The membership fee is £5 a year and these charges are affordable to someone of modest means. Which is a major consideration given the area of deprivation in which the allotments reside.

We advertise the availability of plots and member ship using social media, our own web site www.mralga.org. posters and our main gate noticeboard.

We also promote the allotment provision on Bedford borough council web site.

Providing access to our facilities through the issuing of keys/ Padlock to tenants ensures they are able to access the site at any time, whilst the organisation can endeavor to keep the site secure as possible. However, the site has open public access during the day time at weekends and on open days.

The members trading hut provides gardening supplies at reasonable cost for all members and is helpful for those who do not have transport. The trading hut has a level entrance access for safe movement of goods. We also have ramps for ease of access to our communal room.

The communal room provides a place for members and their families with refreshments and a place to gather at weekends to share gardening skills and life stories. We also provide free gardening information on site and via our website with links to the National Allotment Society and other "Grow Your Own" information.

Our volunteers support with:

Sowing, transplanting seedlings and growing on plants in our greenhouses and poly tunnels for sale in the trading hut and at our annual plant sale.

Tidying and planting communal areas and rubbish collection.

Working in the members trading hut and tea room throughout the year and at events. Raising funds at events to enhance the sites facilities for its members.

Events: Pumpkin competition, Christmas, Easter, Annual plant sale quiz nights and the Annual show

Repairs to the building and around the site

Administration, accounts and correspondence.

Providing mulch for tenants

The trustees are elected at the annual general meeting. We keep members informed via our web site, newsletters, noticeboard and letters.

The TIBBS group for people with dementia have a plot on site. They review and adapt support for clients' needs and they continue to benefit from the allotments

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The Cauldwell area in which the allotment site sits are one of the most deprived areas in Bedford Borough. Providing the TIBBS allotment , our half plots and micro plots means that more individuals from the local community are able to experience the benefits of horticulture and being part of a community group. People who could not otherwise afford a full plot or manage one or who need assistance with gardening due to their special needs.

This makes the organisation as a whole even more socially inclusive.

We have allotment plots available when Tenancies are vacated and subject to our growing waiting list.

The trustees will continue to maintain and develop the allotments to sustain a valued and protected statutory allotment site for Bedford and the surrounding area.

Summary of Achievements during the reporting period

We continue to update our website and communications via social media noticeboards and letters and at events.

As Trustees we use our What's app group to communicate between meeting and when unable to meet face to face.

Pumpkin competition for children and Christmas party with guest appearance of Santa! .

We also held a Daffodil growing competition and Easter egg hunt with craft activities,

Our annual Plant sale enabled us to raise funds to further enhance the site.

We have continued to beautify the communal areas and this year we also added additional security fencing in our orchard. We have also benefitted from a hardworking volunteer who maintains the orchard. Quiz nights and our annual show are also fun for members. At our annual show we again chose a Charity to support and this year we chose "living it Up" a Charity for adults with disabilities and raised £275

We have also supported the annual Road victims Charity event donating a raffle prize.

Two of our members also support a monthly garden group at the Jubilation Centre in Bedford.

During the summer term Classes from Kings Oak primary school visit the site to learn about growing food.

In September we also had a Macmillan Coffee morning and raised £514.07.

We continue to set aside funds for future projects and currently investigating the possibility of solar power.

Unfortunately, this year we have seen an increase in intruders to the site and damage to sheds and plots. We are working with the police and local Councilor's to try and reduce incidents of crime and advise tenants to report. Our building has also been broken into and we have claimed on our insurance and spent a lot of time dealing with the consequences of the break in.

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The charities current policy on Reserves

£750 excess Insurance premiums

£3000 (3 months income if the Association has to close). The Association leases the land from Bedford borough council.

£2000 emergency water repairs if site maintenance team unavailable.

£2500 emergency gate or fence materials and labor cost.

£5000 Tenants key deposits.

£3000 to cover loss or repair of association greenhouse and poly tunnels. (A necessity to enable us to grow for our annual plant sale and raised much needed funds).

Exemptions

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies. including the audit exemptions (see statement on balance sheet).

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described in page 10 and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The members of the committee must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the companies Act 2008. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Small company provisions:

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies.

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Statement of trustees Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charity law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure of the charity and that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charities transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the charity Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and the detection of fraud and other irregularities.

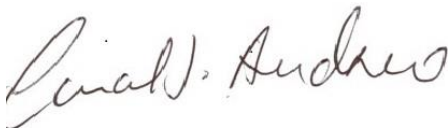
Independent Examiner

The trustees have appointed Mrs. Victoria Perkins F.M.A.A.

Directors signature

Date

25/10/25



Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association
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Independent Examiners report to the trustees of mile road allotment and leisure gardeners Association.

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ending 30th September 2025, which are set out on pages 7-11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charities trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the companies Act 2008.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination. I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 145 of the charities Act 2011 the 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.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept as required by section 386 of the companies act 2006, or
2. That the accounts do not accord with those records, or
3. That the accounts do not comply with accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and the methods and principles of the charities statements of Recommend practices applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting standards applicable in the UK and republic of Ireland; or
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts

Independent Examiners statement

I have completed my examination and I have no concerns in respect of any of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and in connection with following the directions of the charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed



Date 31/10/25

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Statement of financial Activities for the year ending 30th September 2025

	2025	2024
Plot fees	£15109	£14773
Grants	£0	£0
Donations	£611	£820
Insurance	£3022	£0
Trading hut	£21611	£19749
Events	£1218	£1399
Catering	£2504	£2514
Seed Orders	£1646	£1665
Plants	£5000	£5399
Other	£0	£399
Bank interest	£389	£305
Pest control	£0	£10
Minus sum up fee	- £477	-£473
Total	£50633	£46560
Total expenditure on		
Raising funds	£19816	£1805
Charitable activity	£29264	£25781
Total	£49080	£43832
Net income (expenditure)	£1553	£2728
Balance at 1st October 2024	£36076	£33348
Balance at 30th September 2025	£37629	£36076

As the above activities represent ongoing activities.

All recognized gains and losses are reflected in the Statement of financial activities and, therefore, no separate Statement of Total Recognized Gain and Losses is disclosed

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Balance Sheet for the year ending 30th September 2025

Current Assets	2025	2024
Stock and work in progress	£3582	£3581
Debtors	£0	£0
Investments	£0	£0
Cash at bank and in hand	£34047	£32495
Amount falling due within 1 year		
NET current assets	£37629	£36076
Total Assets less liabilities	£37629	£36076
Funds of the charity		
Unrestricted funds	£21379	£22826
Restricted funds	£16250	£13250

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the companies act 2006

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the companies act 2006 for the year ending 30th September 2025

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of the financial statements for the year ending 30th September 2025 in accordance with section 476 of the companies act 2006

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- a) Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with sections 386 and 387 of the companies act 2006 and
- b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the companies act 2006 relating to the financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on.....and were signed on its behalf by

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Notes to the financial Statements For the year ending 30th September 2025

Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting and reporting by Charities. Statement of recommended practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2016)- (Charities SORP(FRS102)). The financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the companies Act 2006. Mile Road allotment and leisure gardeners' association meet the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognized at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note/

b) Going concern

After making enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue as its activities for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements as outlined in the statement of trustee`s responsibilities on page 4.

c) Grants receivable, donations and subscriptions.

Grants receivable, donations and subscriptions are recognized in the period when the charity entitlement to funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of the income has been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

d) Grants paid

Grants paid are recognized on a payment's basis.

e) Resources expended:

Expenditure is recognized on an accruals basis as a liability incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Costs are split between categories based on staff time. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities and include the charity`s governance cost. Governance costs are those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the costs relevant to the strategic management of the charity.

F) Funds:

Unrestricted funds are incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general fund. Designated funds are restricted funds earmarked by the trustees for a particular purpose. At the decision of the trustees, previously designated funds may be transferred back to unrestricted general funds

without further specified purpose. Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of costs.

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Trustees Remuneration: Trustees are not remunerated. Trustees may receive reimbursement of expenses for attending meetings if they wish to claim.

2 Raising Funds	2025	2024
Grants	£0	£0
Sundry donations	£611	£820
3 Raising Funds		
Trading hut	£21611	£19749
Events	£1218	£1399
4 Resources expended on the Charities Objects		
Key refunds and new keys	£863	£675
Utilities water	£6788	£3189
Utilities electricity	£677	£562
Site mobile	£100	£100
Insurance	£1099	£1397
Membership	£1227	£1194
Maintenance	£4685	£4450
Projects	£5958	£5471
Equipment	£2235	£1647
Administration	£556	£465
Catering	£1397	£1358
Pre orders	£1421	£1291
Plants	£1169	£1411
Training	£17	£54
Sundries	£234	£187
Creature control	£282	£358
Cleaning materials/PPE	£97	£166
Show vouchers	£255	£205

PR & media	£0	£0
Travel	£74	£0
Donation	£130	£500
5 Governance costs Independent Examiners fee	£0	£0
Total	£29264	£25781

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7 Debtors	2025	2024
Accrual Investment income	£0	£0
Accounts receivable	£0	£0
Gift aid tax recovery	£0	£0
Total	£0	£0

Current Liabilities. Amount falling due within one-year	2025	2024
Accounts payable	£0	£0
Independent examiners Fee	£0	£0
Other creditors	£0	£0
Total	£0	£0

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Carol Andrew	Treasurer and Data Management	Re elected	November 2019
Maria Moon	Chair and Plot Inspections	Re elected	November 2019
	Trading hut		
David Osborn	Vice Chair and Plot Inspections	Re elected	November 2019
David Moon	Maintenance lead	Re Elected	November 2019
Garry Black	Health & Safety	Elected	November 2022
Alhaj Yasmin		Elected	November 2023
Robert Hunter	Animal Welfare	Co opted	July 2024

Governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 12th December 2012 and amended 30th June 2016. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Aims and objectives

To further or benefit the residents of Bedford and the surrounding area without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by providing allotment facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreational leisure time occupation with the objective of improving life for the residents.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

To manage the site for the membership who live in Bedford Borough and the surrounding area. We have improved site facilities by maintaining and improving access ways, communal areas and facilities. Our membership process allows any member of the public to join us.

The membership fee is £5 a year and these charges are affordable to someone of modest means which is a major consideration given the area of deprivation in which the allotment site resides,

We advertise the availability of plots and membership using social media, our own Web site www.mralga.org, posters and our main gate noticeboard.

We have also promoted the allotment provision using Bedford Borough Council web site and NSALG web site.

Providing access to our facilities through the issuing of keys to Tenants ensures they are able to access the site at any time, whilst the organisation can ensure security of the site and health and safety. However, the site has open public access during the daytime at weekends and on Open Days. The members Trading hut provides gardening supplies at reasonable cost for all members and is helpful for people who do not have transport. We have improved the entrance to the trading hut to enable safe movement of goods and ramps for accessibility to the front and rear. This year we have spent time and money reinforcing the roof with metal mesh over the sky lights and our Insurers have now reinstated our theft cover, which now protects the Charity further.

After agreement at our 2023 AGM, it was agreed to install a pedestrian gate next to the vehicular access gates. Enabling those on foot easier access and also providing a second entrance and exit if the vehicular gates are temporarily inaccessible for any reason. We have also improved the main vehicular access gates and security at the site entrance.

The communal room provides a place for members and their families with refreshments and a place to gather at weekends to share gardening skills and life stories etc., strengthening our local Community. We also provide free gardening information on site and via our web site with links to NSALG and other "Grow your own" information.

Our volunteers have helped with:

Sowing, transplanting seedlings and growing on plants in our greenhouses. Plant production for the trading hut and our plant sale in May 2024

Tidying and planting communal areas and rubbish collection

Working in the members trading huts events and tearoom throughout the year..

Repairs to the huts, site maintenance. Adding security protection to our huts roof has enabled our insurance to reinstate our theft cover as we lost this several years ago when intruders broke in twice.

Improvements to the entrance of the site

Administration, accounts and correspondence.

Cleaning facilities

Defining parking areas.

Providing mulch for Tenants

Raising funds at events to enhance facilities and beautification. We have installed a new beautification planter and the site now has its own defibrillator.

The Trustees are elected at the annual AGM; We keep members informed via our web site noticeboards, 1 and letters. Newsletters emailed twice a year and face to face when using facilities.

TIBBs group for people with dementia, have reviewed and adapted support for client needs and they continue to benefit from the allotment.

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The immense value of Allotmenting for our health both physical and mentally and an opportunity to socialise. In this changing world, our contribution to lowering our carbon footprint and benefit our environment.

The Cauldwell area, in which the allotment site sits, is the most deprived Ward in Bedford Borough and is in the top 10% of deprived Wards in the East of England. Providing the Tibbs Group and micro plots mean's that more individuals from the local community are able to experience the benefits of horticulture and being part of a community group. People, who could not otherwise afford a full allotment plot, could not manage a whole plot or need assistance with gardening due to additional/special needs.

This makes the organisation as a whole even more socially inclusive.

We have allotment plots available and Leisure Gardener membership is unlimited.

The Trustees will continue to maintain and develop the allotments to sustain a valued and protected statutory allotment site for Bedford Borough and the surrounding area.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

We have continued to develop our website and communication using site notice boards, members emails and Facebook page. MRALGA trustees now use What's app as well as email to make decisions when we are not able to meet face to face.

Pumpkin competition for children and Christmas social with guest appearance of Santa., we also held a Daffodil competition for members children, Easter egg hunt for children and raffle. May 2024 Plant sale enabled us to raise funds. A quiz night and Annual show in September, at our annual show our chosen Charity this year was the Primrose unit at Bedford Hospital and £ 107.89 was raised and the trustees decided to donate a further £392.11 making £500 in total.

Members were pleased that we are now having show day again and enjoyed the day.

In addition to our annual Christmas gathering and visit from Santa We also took part in Bedford Christmas tree festival at St Pauls church. The festival raises money for Bedford hospital the allotments were very pleased and honoured to be part of the event.

We also supported The Annual Road Victims Charity golf event by donating raffle prizes at the event in June.

We have also set aside funds towards potential solar power and we are currently researching options. Generating our own supply will reduce costs and enable the Charity to be more financially sustainable and self sufficient.

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The charity's policy on reserves

£750 excess insurance amounts

£3000 (4 months income if Association has to close) the association leases the land from Bedford Borough Council

£2000 emergency water materials and labour cost

£1500 emergency gate materials and labour cost

£1000 emergency fence materials and labour cost

£5000 Tenants key deposits

£3000 to cover damage or loss of Association Green houses and polytunnels (A necessity to enable us to grow reasonably priced plants for members and to raise funds at our annual plant sale)

Exemptions

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies, including the audit exemption (see statement on balance sheet).

Responsibilities of the trustees

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to: select suitable accounting policies, as described on page 10, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The members of the committee must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Small company provisions:

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities.

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year.

Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charity law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is

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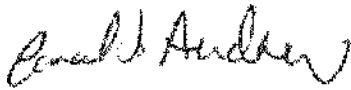
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Independent Examiner

The trustees have appointed Mrs Victoria Perkins, F.M.A.A.T.

Director's signature

Date 8.10.2024



Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

[Company number 08329257, charity number 1155301]

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association,

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 30th September 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 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.

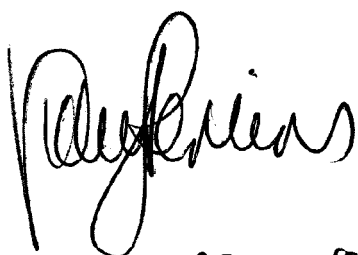
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and the methods and principles of the 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; or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and I have no concerns in respect of any of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed



Date

31/10/2024

MRS. V. PERKINS FMAAT

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

{Company number 08329257, charity number 1155301}

Statement of financial Activities for the year ended 30th September 2024

	2024	2023
Income and Endowments from		
	14773.0	
Plot Fees	0	15018
Grants	0	3750
Donations	820	1119
Trading hut	19749	20345
Events	1399	1408
Catering	2514	2863
Seed Orders	1665	1332
Plants	5399	5115
Other	399	0
Bank Interest	305	312
pest control	10	19
Minus Sum up fee	-473	-420
	<u>46560.0</u>	<u>50861</u>
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>50861</u>
Expenditure on		
Raising funds	18051	18715
Charitable Activity	25781	32692
Other	0	0
	<u>43832</u>	<u>51407</u>
Net Income (expenditure)	2728.00	-546
Balance at 1st October 2023	33348	33894
Balance at 30th September 2024	<u>36076.0</u>	<u>33348</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th September 2024

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

All the above activities represent ongoing activities,

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for the Statement of Financial Activities

and, therefore, no separate Statement of Total Recognised Gain and Losses is

disclosed, ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections

386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

- b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on..... and were signed on its behalf by: Carol J Andrew

Company number 08329257

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

(Company number 0S329257, charity number 1155301)

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2024

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association 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.

b) Going Concern

After making enquires, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue its activities for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements as outlined in the Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities on page 4.

c) Grants receivable, donations and subscriptions

Grant's receivable, donations and subscriptions are recognised in the period when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income has been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

d) Grants paid

Grants paid are recognised on a payment's basis.

e) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Costs are split between categories based on staff time.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities and include the charity's governance costs. Governance costs are those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the costs relevant to the strategic management of the charity.

f) Funds

Unrestricted funds are incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general fund. Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for a particular purpose. At the decision of the Trustees, previously designated funds may be transferred back to unrestricted general funds without further specified purpose. Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of costs

2 RAISING FUNDS	2024	2023
Grants	0	3750
Sundry donations	820	1119
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TOTAL	820	4869
3 RAISING FUNDS		
Trading hut	19749	20345
Events	1399	1408
	21148	21753
4 RESOURCES EXPENDED ON CHARITY'S OBJECTS		
Key refunds and new keys	675	1046
Utilities - Water	3189	2789
Utilities - Electricity	562	437
Telephone	100	120
Insurance	1397	1344
Membership	1194	1080
Maintenance	4450	716
Projects	5471	16584
Equipment	1646	2139
Administration	465	678
Catering	1358	1300
Seed Orders	1299	884
Plants	1411	1424
Training	54	24
Sundries	187	274
creature control	358	337
Cleaning Materials / PPE	166	155
Show vouchers	205	35
PR & Media	0	0
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TOTAL	24187	31581
5 GOVERNANCE COST	0	0
Independent Examiners fees	0	0
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TOTAL	0	0
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Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

(Company number 083292S7, charity number 1155301)

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2024

7 DEBTORS	2024	2023
	£ £	
Accrual Investment Income	0	0
Accounts Receivable	0	0
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	0	0
TOTAL	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

8 CURRENT LIABILITIES: Amount falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	rh
Accounts Payable	0	0
Independent Examiner	0	0
Other creditors	0	0
TOTAL	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

MILE ROAD ALLOTMENT AND LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1155301

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Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

(Company number 08329257, charity number 1155301)

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Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

(Company number 08329257, charity number 1155301)

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 September 2023

The directors are also the trustees and present their annual report with the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2023. The accounts comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Financial Reporting Standard 102 and follow the recommendations in 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 1st January 2015).

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association other names which the charity is known as MRALGA.

Registered company number	08329257
Registered charity number	1155301
Principal address	Mile Road Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association 149 Mile Road Bedford MK42 9UP

Directors (Trustees)

Mark Moore	Security	Elected	November 2019
Carol Andrew	Treasurer	Elected	November 2019
Maria Moon	Chair and plot inspections	Elected	November 2019
David Osborn	Vice chair and plot inspections	Elected	November 2019
David Moon	Maintenance lead	Elected	November 2019
Lisa Muxlow	Secretary	Elected	November 2022
Garry Black	Health & Safety	Elected	November 2022
Cheryl Britton	Events	Elected	November 2022

Governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 12th December 2012 and amended 30th June 2016. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Aims and objectives

To further or benefit the residents of Bedford and the surrounding area without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by providing allotment facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreational leisure time occupation with the objective of improving life for the residents.

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

To manage the site for the membership who live in Bedford Borough and the surrounding area. We have improved site facilities by maintaining and improving access ways, communal areas and facilities. Our membership process allows any member of the public to join us. The membership fee is £5 a year and these charges are affordable to someone of modest means which is a major consideration given the area of deprivation in which the allotment site resides.

We have advertised the availability of plots and membership using social media, our own Web site www.mralga.org, posters and our main gate noticeboard.

We have also promoted the allotment provision using Bedford Borough Council web site and NSALG web site.

Providing access to our facilities through the issuing of keys to Tenants ensures they are able to access the site at any time, whilst the organisation can ensure security of the site and health and safety. However, the site has open public access during the daytime at weekends and on Open Days. The Trading hut provides gardening supplies at reasonable cost for all members and is helpful for people who do not have transport. We have improved the entrance to the trading hut to enable safe movement of goods.

We have provided members and their families with refreshments and a place to gather at weekends to share gardening skills and life stories etc., strengthening our local Community. We also provide free gardening information via web site with links to NSALG and other "Grow your own" information.

Our volunteers have helped with:

Sowing, transplanting seedlings and growing on plants in our greenhouses. Plant production for the trading hut and our plant sale in May 2023.

Tidying and planting communal areas and rubbish collection

Working in the members trading huts. Tearoom throughout the year and events.

Repairs to the huts, site maintenance

Administration, accounts and correspondence.

Cleaning facilities

Defining parking areas.

Providing mulch for Tenants

Raising funds for a new Woo woo facility

We also work with Community Pay Back service by enabling our site to be used for Community Pay back and a place to learn new life skills developing pride in their local community. We have reviewed risk assessments and community payback work.

The Trustees are elected at the annual AGM; however, the November 2021 was unable to proceed due to insufficient members attending. We keep members informed via our web site noticeboards and letters. MRALGA trustees use What's app as well as email to make decisions when we are not able to meet face to face.

TIBBs group for people with dementia. have reviewed and adapted support for client needs and continue to benefit from the allotment.

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

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The immense value of Allotmenting for our health both physical and mentally and an opportunity to socialise. In this changing world, our contribution to lowering our carbon footprint and benefit our environment.

The Cauldwell area, in which the allotment site sits, is the most deprived Ward in Bedford Borough and is in the top 10% of deprived Wards in the East of England. Providing the Tibbs Group and micro plots mean's that more individuals from the local community are able to experience the benefits of horticulture and being part of a community group. People, who could not otherwise afford a full allotment plot, could not manage a whole plot or need assistance with gardening due to additional/special needs. This makes the organisation as a whole even more socially inclusive.

We have allotment plots available and Leisure Gardener membership is unlimited. The Trustees will continue to maintain and develop the allotments to sustain a valued and protected statutory allotment site for Bedford Borough and the surrounding area.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

We have continued to develop our website and communication using site notice boards, members emails and Facebook page. MRALGA trustees now use What's app as well as email to make decisions when we are not able to meet face to face.

May 2023 Plant sale enabled us to raise funds, we also held a Daffodil competition for members children, Easter egg hunt for children and raffle, a quiz night and annual show in September. At our annual show our chosen charity this year was Ivel valley special needs school and £135.39 was raised.

Members were pleased that we are now having show days again and enjoyed the day.

In addition to our annual Christmas gathering and visit from Santa we also took part in Bedford Christmas tree festival at St Pauls church. The festival raises money for Bedford hospital and this year raised £20,269, the allotments were very pleased and honoured to be part of the event

We have also raised funds for a Woo Woo composting toilet. Funds raised from: Harpur trust, Gale's trust Wixam tree, Richardsons, SDC construction, Councillor ward fund, gifted and tenants

We reached our target and the new facility is now installed and in use.

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

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The charity's policy on reserves

£750 excess insurance amounts

£3000 (4 months income if Association has to close) the association leases the land from Bedford Borough Council

£2000 emergency water materials and labour cost

£1500 emergency gate materials and labour cost

£1000 emergency fence materials and labour cost

£3500 Tenants key deposits

Exemptions

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies, including the audit exemption (see statement on balance sheet).

Responsibilities of the trustees

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to: select suitable accounting policies, as described on page 10, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The members of the committee must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Small company provisions:

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities.

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charity law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

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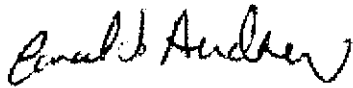
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Independent Examiner

The trustees have appointed Mrs Victoria Perkins, F.M.A.A.T.

Director's signature

Date 8.10.2023



Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

(Company number 08329257, charity number 1155301)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association.

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 30th September 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 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.

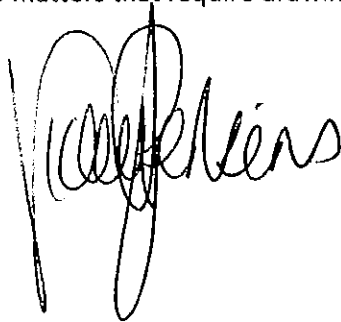
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1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and the methods and principles of the 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; or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and I have no concerns in respect of any of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed



Date

02/11/2023.

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

(Company number 08329257, charity number 1155301)

Statement of financial Activities for the year ended 30th September 2023

		2023	2022
	<i>Notes</i>		
INCOMING AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		£	£
Plot Fees		15018	11959
Grants		3750	9500
Donations plots and WOO WOO		1119	1515
Shop		20345	15366
Events		1408	1567
Catering		2863	3377
Seed orders		1332	1542
Plants		5115	5533
Other		0	0
Bank Interest			7
Sum up fees		-420	-177
	TOTAL	<u>50861</u>	<u>50188</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds	3	18714	16317
Charitable activities	4	32693	31565
Other			
	TOTAL	<u>51407</u>	<u>47882</u>
NET INCOMING/(EXPENDITURE)		-546	7263
Balance at 1 st October		33894	31588
BALANCE 30 th SEPTEMBER 2023		33348	33894

All the above activities represent ongoing activities,
 All recognised gains and losses are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities
 and, therefore, no separate Statement of Total Recognised Gain and Losses is
 disclosed.

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

(Company number 08329257, charity number 1155301)

Balance sheet for the year ended 30th September 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks and work in progress		3583	3582
Debtors			0
Investment			0
Cash at bank and in hand		29765	30312
Amount falling due within one year		0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS		33348	33894
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>33348</u>	<u>33894</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted fund		33348	33894
Restricted fund			
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		<u>33348</u>	<u>33894</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th September 2021

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on and were signed on its behalf by: Carol J Andrew
Company number 08329257

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

(Company number 08329257, charity number 1155301)

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2023

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association 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.

b) Going Concern

After making enquires, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue its activities for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements as outlined in the Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities on page 4.

c) Grants receivable, donations and subscriptions

Grant's receivable, donations and subscriptions are recognised in the period when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income has been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

d) Grants paid

Grants paid are recognised on a payment's basis.

e) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Costs are split between categories based on staff time.

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Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of costs

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2023

TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

Trustees are not remunerated. Trustee can receive reimbursement of expenses for attending meetings which amounting to £nil (2022 £nil).

2	RAISING FUNDS	2023	2022
	Grants	3750	9500
	Sundry donations	1119	1515
	TOTAL	4869	11015
3	RAISING FUNDS		
	Shop	20345	15366
	Events	1408	1567
		21753	16933
4	RESOURCES EXPENDED ON CHARITY'S OBJECTS		
	Key refunds and new keys	1046	677
	Utilities - Water	2789	3806
	Utilities - Electricity	437	491
	Telephone	120	100
	Insurance	1344	1342
	Membership	1080	1044
	Maintenance	716	1439
	Projects	16584	15270
	Equipment	2139	996
	Administration	678	410
	Catering	1300	1485
	Seed Orders	884	837
	Plants	1424	1623
	Training	24	48
	Sundries	274	194
	creature control	337	833
	Cleaning Materials / PPE	155	180
	Show vouchers	250	35
	PR & Media	0	0
	TOTAL	31581	30810
5	GOVERNANCE COST	0	0
	Independent Examiners fees	0	0
	TOTAL	0	0

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

(Company number 08329257, charity number 1155301)

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2023

7 DEBTORS	2023	2022
	£	£
Accrual Investment Income	0	0
Accounts Receivable	0	0
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	0	0
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

8 CURRENT LIABILITIES: Amount falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Accounts Payable	0	0
Independent Examiner	0	0
Other creditors	0	0
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

MILE ROAD ALLOTMENT AND LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

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Carol Andrew	Secretary/Treasurer	Elected	November 2019
Maria Moon	Chair and plot inspections	Elected	November 2019
David Osborn	Vice chair and plot inspections	Elected	November 2019
David Moon	Maintenance lead	Elected	November 2019
Myra Underwood	Treasurer and catering manager	resigned	March 2022
Rebecca Miller	Events, public relations and media	resigned	November 2021

Governance and management

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(Company number 08329257, charity number 1155301)

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Working in the members trading huts.

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Cleaning facilities

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May 2022 Plant sale enabled us to raise funds, we also held a Daffodil competition for members children, Easter egg hunt for children and raffle, a Queens jubilee event quiz night and annual show in September. Members were pleased that we are now having show days again and enjoyed the day.

We have also raised funds for a Woo woo composting toilet. Funds raised from: Harpur trust, Gale's trust Wixam tree, Richardsons, SDC construction, Councillor ward fund, gifted and tenants

We reached our target and the new facility is to be installed in October 2022.

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Small company provisions:

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities.

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charity law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
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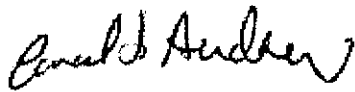
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Independent Examiner

The trustees have appointed Mrs Victoria Perkins, M.A.A.T.

Director's signature

Date 6.12.2022



Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

(Company number 08329257, charity number 1155301)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association.

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 30th September 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 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.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
 2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
 3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and the methods and principles of the 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; or
 4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.
- Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and I have no concerns in respect of any of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed



Date

08/12/2022 .

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

(Company number 08329257, charity number 1155301)

Statement of financial Activities for the year ended 30th September 2021

		2022	2021
	<i>Notes</i>		
INCOMING AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		£	£
Plot Fees		11959	12404
Grants		9500	0
Donations plots and WOO WOO		1515	1254
Shop		15366	16041
Events		1567	0
Catering		3377	990
Seed orders		1542	1192
Plants		5533	4516
Other		0	0
Bank Interest		7	0
Sum up fees		-177	-68
	TOTAL	<u>50188</u>	<u>36330</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds	3	16317	12835
Charitable activities	4	31565	16232
Other			
	TOTAL	<u>47882</u>	<u>29067</u>
NET INCOMING/(EXPENDITURE)		2306	7263
Balance at 1 st October		31588	24,184
BALANCE 30 th SEPTEMBER 2022		33894	31588

All the above activities represent ongoing activities,
 All recognised gains and losses are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities
 and, therefore, no separate Statement of Total Recognised Gain and Losses is
 disclosed.

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

(Company number 08329257, charity number 1155301)

Balance sheet for the year ended 30th September 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks and work in progress		3582	3497
Debtors			0
Investment			0
Cash at bank and in hand		30312	28091
Amount falling due within one year		0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS		33894	31588
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>33894</u>	<u>31588</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted fund		33894	31588
Restricted fund			
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		<u>33894</u>	<u>31588</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th September 2021

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 6.12.2022..... and were signed on its behalf by: Carol J Andrew
Company number 08329257

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2022

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association 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.

b) Going Concern

After making enquires, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue its activities for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements as outlined in the Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities on page 4.

c) Grants receivable, donations and subscriptions

Grant's receivable, donations and subscriptions are recognised in the period when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income has been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

d) Grants paid

Grants paid are recognised on a payment's basis.

e) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Costs are split between categories based on staff time.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities and include the charity's governance costs. Governance costs are those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the costs relevant to the strategic management of the charity.

f) Funds

Unrestricted funds are incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general fund. Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for a particular purpose. At the decision of the Trustees, previously designated funds may be transferred back to unrestricted general funds without further specified purpose. Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of costs

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TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

Trustees are not remunerated. Trustee can receive reimbursement of expenses for attending meetings which amounting to £nil (2022 £nil).

2	RAISING FUNDS	2022	2021
	Grants	9500	
	Sundry donations	1515	1254
	TOTAL	11015	1254
3	RAISING FUNDS		
	Shop	15366	16041
	Events	1567	0
	TOTAL	16933	16041
4	RESOURCES EXPENDED ON CHARITY'S OBJECTS		
	Key refunds and new keys	677	553
	Utilities - Water	3806	2434
	Utilities - Electricity	491	344
	Telephone	100	100
	Insurance	1342	1027
	Membership	1044	984
	Maintenance	1439	2456
	Projects	15270	2700
	Equipment	996	1244
	Administration	410	641
	Catering	1485	358
	Seed Orders	837	1047
	Plants	1623	1836
	Training	48	24
	Sundries	194	0
	creature control	833	201
	Cleaning Materials / PPE	180	293
	Show vouchers	35	0
	PR & Media	0	0
	TOTAL	30810	16232
5	GOVERNANCE COST	0	0
	Independent Examiners fees	0	0
	TOTAL	0	0

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7 DEBTORS	2022	2021
	£	£
Accrual Investment Income	0	0
Accounts Receivable	0	0
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	0	0
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

8 CURRENT LIABILITIES: Amount falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Accounts Payable	0	0
Independent Examiner	0	0
Other creditors	0	0
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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MILE ROAD ALLOTMENT AND LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1155301

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Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 September 2021

The directors are also the trustees and present their annual report with the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2021. The accounts comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Financial Reporting Standard 102 and follow the recommendations in 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 1st January 2015).

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association other names which the charity is known as MRALGA.

Registered company number	08329257
Registered charity number	1155301
Principal address	Mile Road Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association 149 Mile Road Bedford MK42 9UP

Directors (Trustees)

Mark Moore	Security	Elected	November 2019
Carol Andrew	Secretary	Elected	November 2019
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Social distancing measures and necessary resources were introduced and have been reviewed in line with the government legislation during 2020 to 2021. In May 2021 we held our annual plant however our other usual events were unable to take place.

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Sowing, transplanting seedlings and growing on plants in our greenhouses. This year we have added an environ mesh tunnel.

Tidying communal areas and rubbish collection

Working in the members trading huts and redecorated within social distancing guidelines and when possible. Repairs to the huts, site maintenance and additional covid19 cleaning process's.

Administration, accounts and correspondence.

Provision of 3 portable hand washing units and PPE for covid 19 compliance

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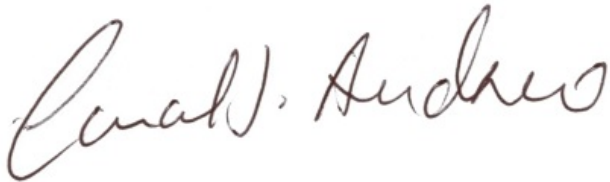
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Independent Examiner

The trustees have appointed Miss Victoria Swaney, M.A.A.T.

Director's signature

Date 30/9/2021

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Carol W. Andrews". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

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Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and I have no concerns in respect of any of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed



Date

03/3/2022

MISS . V. SWANEY MAAT

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association

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Statement of financial Activities for the year ended 30th September 2021

		2021	2020
	<i>Notes</i>		
INCOMING AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		£	£
Plot Fees		12404	11489
Grants		0	0
Donations		1254	554
Shop		16041	14692
Events		0	537
Catering		990	935
Seed orders		1192	1102
Plants		4516	2384
Other		0	240
Bank Interest		1	0
Sum up fees		-68	0
	TOTAL	<u>36330</u>	<u>31933</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds	3	12835	12546
Charitable activities	4	16232	19246
Other			
	TOTAL	<u>29067</u>	<u>31792</u>
NET INCOMING/(EXPENDITURE)		7263	141
Balance at 1 st October		24,325	24,184
BALANCE 30 th SEPTEMBER 2021		31588	24,325

All the above activities represent ongoing activities,
 All recognised gains and losses are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities
 and, therefore, no separate Statement of Total Recognised Gain and Losses is
 disclosed.

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Balance sheet for the year ended 30th September 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks and work in progress		3497	3497
Debtors		0	0
Investment		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		28091	20828
	TOTAL		24,325
Amount falling due within one year		0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		31588	24,325
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>31588</u>	<u>24325</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted fund		31588	24325
Restricted fund			
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		<u>31588</u>	<u>24325</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th September 2021

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

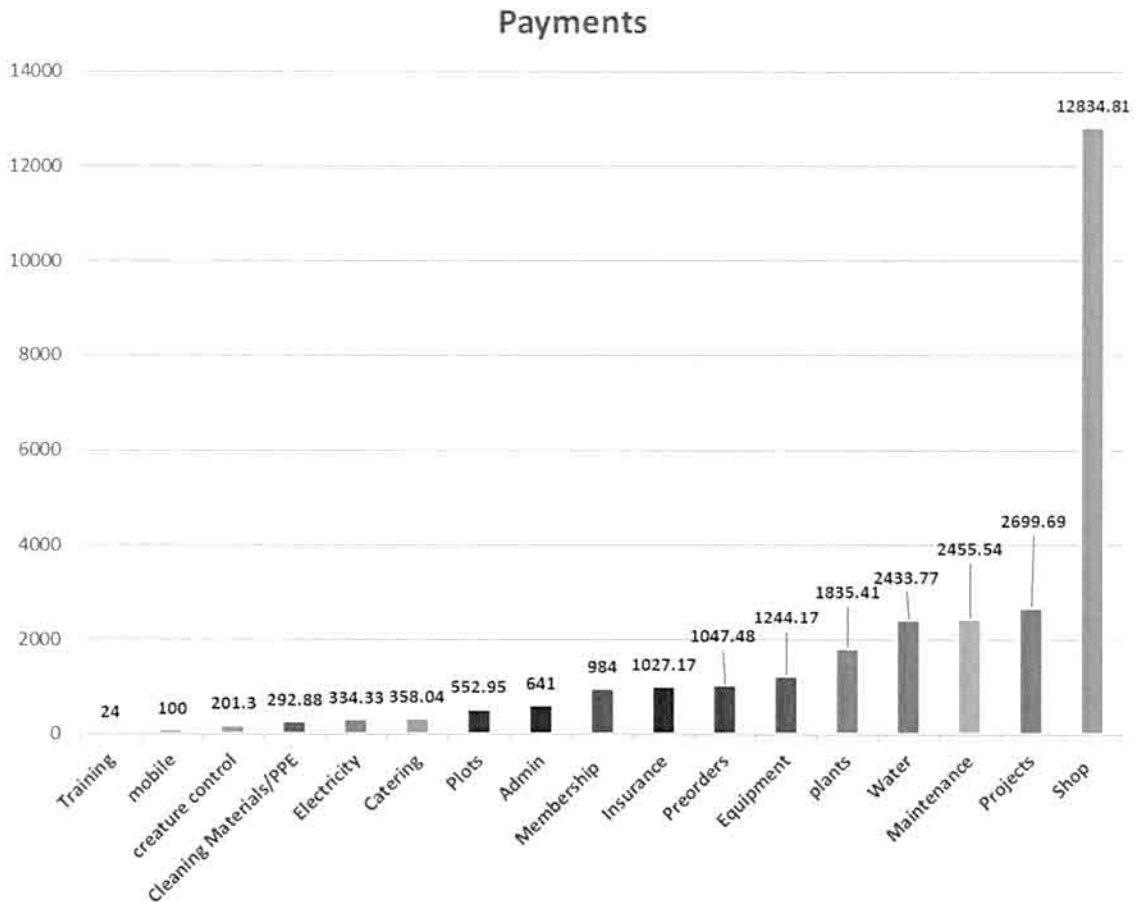
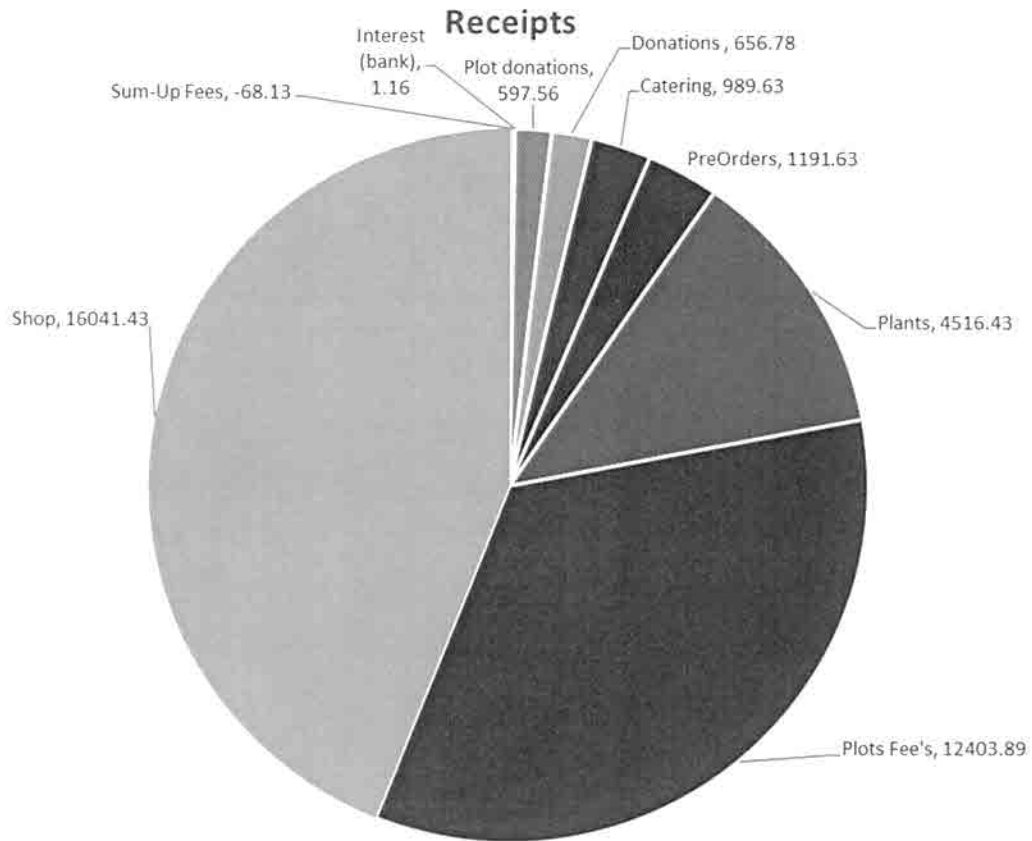
- a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Company number 08329257

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2021

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Mile Road Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association 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.

b) Going Concern

After making enquires, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue its activities for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements as outlined in the Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities on page 4.

c) Grants receivable, donations and subscriptions

Grant's receivable, donations and subscriptions are recognised in the period when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income has been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

d) Grants paid

Grants paid are recognised on a payment's basis.

e) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Costs are split between categories based on staff time.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities and include the charity's governance costs. Governance costs are those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the costs relevant to the strategic management of the charity.

f) Funds

Unrestricted funds are incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general fund. Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for a particular purpose. At the decision of the Trustees, previously designated funds may be transferred back to unrestricted general funds without further specified purpose. Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of costs

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TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

Trustees are not remunerated. Trustee can receive reimbursement of expenses for attending meetings which amounting to £nil (2019: £nil).

2	RAISING FUNDS	2021	2020
	Sundry donations	1254	554
	TOTAL	1254	554
3	RAISING FUNDS		
	Shop	16041	14692
	Events	0	537
	TOTAL	16041	15229
4	RESOURCES EXPENDED ON CHARITY'S OBJECTS		
	Key refunds and new keys	553	511
	Utilities - Water	2434	4541
	Utilities - Electricity	334	349
	Telephone	100	70
	Insurance	1027	1027
	Membership	984	861
	Maintenance	2456	2093
	Projects	2700	5520
	Equipment	1244	1049
	Administration	641	578
	Catering	358	486
	Seed Orders	1047	832
	Beautification	0	94
	Plants	1836	641
	Training	24	29
	Sundries	0	77
	creature control	201	201
	Cleaning Materials / PPE	293	0
	Show vouchers	0	93
	PR & Media	0	194
	TOTAL	16232	19246
5	GOVERNANCE COST	0	0
	Independent Examiners fees	0	0
	TOTAL	0	0

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7 DEBTORS	2020	2019
	£	£
Accrual Investment Income	0	0
Accounts Receivable	0	0
Gift Aid Tax Recoverable	0	0
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

8 CURRENT LIABILITIES: Amount falling due within one year	2020	2019
	£	£
Accounts Payable	0	0
Independent Examiner	0	0
Other creditors	0	0
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>