



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/4/2022      Period start date    To      Period end date 31/3/2023

**Charity name: Northern Allotment, Leisure and Community Gardens**

**Charity registration number: 1155968**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>To further or benefit the residents of Northern England without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>We build, maintain and create community gardens for public benefit. We provide courses for gardening, health and safety etc. We give advice etc to similar entities.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>Yes, trustees are informed of the guidance when they join us.</b>

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>We don't grant</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>None</b>

<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p> <p><b>We rely fully on volunteers. The majority are asylum seekers and refugees, luckily 90% of these have worked on the land in their own country or have horticulture and agriculture experience.</b></p> <p><b>Those who are not the above are ‘casual’ volunteers, they tend to turn up sporadically.</b></p>	<p>Para 1.38</p> <p>Please note we can't type in the area on the right-&gt;</p>	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p><b>Community Gardens</b></p> <p><b>We continue to aid other not-for-profit community organisations in governance issues, policy issues and general management and organisational help, this always based on community gardens, allotments etc..</b></p> <p><b>We have partnered with other not-for-profit entities to extend our range and geographical area.</b></p> <p><b>We have started on a new project as a result of the National Lottery grant for ‘Know your Neighbourhood’, this is bringing more people into our flagship property thus getting good networking which in turn, hopefully, we will get more volunteers.</b></p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>90% of these have been met, problems were the current economic situation have exacerbated the progress but we will catch up in 2023-2024.</b>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives	Para 1.41	<b>We don't fund-raise</b>

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Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<b>We don't invest yet.</b>
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>Within our forecast, just slightly less due to the current economic situation.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>Utility bills, office costs, insurances etc.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£3000</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>No</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>None at this time</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>Grants</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<b>Lack of volunteers and the current economic situation.</b>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		<b>None</b>
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>Trustees will be selected when and if we need certain skills we do not have already. Only the current Trustees can nominate/appoint new trustees, there no other persons or bodies involved.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<b>Luckily all our trustees have been trustees or directors before, we only have ongoing training as needs occur.</b>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>We have many relationships with entities that have a common interest to us, need help from us or we need help from them. We now have a group of about 10 striving for climate control, better open green spaces, educating on agriculture and gardening etc.</b>
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Northern Allotment, Leisure and Community Gardens
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1155968
Charity's principal address	48 Murrayfield, Sunderland, SR3 2EU Registered address: The Old rectory, The Broadway, Houghton le Spring DH4 4BB



**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Banks			
1	David Curtis			
2	Lian Maltas			
3	Laura Lynch			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		
None		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None
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## Other optional information


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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Banks	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee/Secretary	
Date	27/01/2024	



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No (if any)  
1155968

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
4/1/2022

To

Period end date  
3/31/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	15,280		-	15,280	9,000
Community Foundation	-	2,842	-	2,842	
National Lottery - Reaching Communities RC North East and Cumbria Region		15,000	-	15,000	8,750
Local Giving		500	-	500	
Miscellaneous Income	874	-	-	874	442
Miscellaneous donations		-	-	-	270
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	16,154	18,342	-	34,496	18,462
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	16,154	18,342	-	34,496	18,462
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Website	166	-	-	166	13
Running Costs	1,845	-	-	1,845	884
Admin, Postage, phone etc.	2,034	-	-	2,034	2,759
Capital equipment	1,754	-	-	1,754	1,785
Garden Projects	19,343	-	-	19,343	9,510
Volunteer costs	324	-	-	324	-
Petty Cash/expenses	1,533	-	-	1,533	130
Session work/consultancy	1,811	-	-	1,811	1,704
Events	1,233	-	-	1,233	-
<b>Sub total</b>	30,043	-	-	30,043	16,785
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	30,043	-	-	30,043	16,785
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 13,889	18,342	-	4,453	1,677
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	5,463	-	-	5,463	3,786
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	8,426	18,342	-	9,916	5,463

## 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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

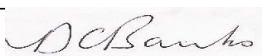
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	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
 UE!	David Banks	12/1/2023



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name

Northern Allotment, Leisure and Community Gardens

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/3/2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1155968

**Set out on pages**

(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 31/3/2023.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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

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 (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

**Date:**

30/1/2024

**Name:**

Vernon Stevens

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

IFA (Retired)

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