



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/4/2023 Period start date To Period end date 31/3/2024

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	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.
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	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.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes, trustees are informed of the guidance when they join us.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Contribution made by volunteers	<p>Para 1.38</p> <p>Please note we can't type in the area on the right-></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Those who are not the above are 'casual' volunteers, they tend to turn up sporadically.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p>Community Gardens</p> <p>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..</p> <p>We have partnered with other not-for-profit entities to extend our range and geographical area.</p> <p>We have continued on a 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.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	90% of these have been met, problems were the current economic situation have exacerbated the progress but we will catch up in 2024-2025.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We don't fund-raise
	Para 1.41	We don't invest yet.

Investment performance against objectives		
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Within our forecast, just slightly less due to the current economic situation.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Utility bills, office costs, insurances etc.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£4000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None at this time

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	Grants
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	Lack of volunteers and the current economic situation.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	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.

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	Luckily all our trustees have been trustees or directors before, we only have ongoing training as needs occur.
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	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 6 striving for climate control, better open green spaces, educating on agriculture and gardening etc.
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


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	07/01/2025	



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Charity Name
Northern Allotment, Leisure and Community Gardens

No (if any)
1155968

Receipts and payments accounts

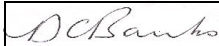
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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
The National Lottery Community Fund – Know Your Neighbourhood Fund	-	20,641	-	20,641	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	9,100	-	9,100	15,000
Donations	183	-	-	183	-
Misc income	389	-	-	389	874
Other grants	-	-	-	-	18,622
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	572	29,741	-	30,313	34,496
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	572	29,741	-	30,313	34,496
A3 Payments					
Website	151	-	-	151	166
Running Costs	3,477	-	-	3,477	1,845
Admin, Postage, phone etc.	160	-	-	160	2,034
Capital equipment	1,514	-	-	1,514	1,754
Garden Projects	12,066	-	-	12,066	19,343
Volunteer costs	262	-	-	262	324
Petty Cash/expenses	2,279	-	-	2,279	1,533
Session work/consultancy	1,320	-	-	1,320	1,811
Events	10,827	-	-	10,827	1,233
Sub total	32,056	-	-	32,056	30,043
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	32,056	-	-	32,056	30,043
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 31,484	29,741	-	- 1,743	4,453
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,918	-	-	9,918	-
Cash funds this year end	- 21,566	29,741	-	8,175	4,453

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		David Banks	20/12/2024	



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

31st March 2024

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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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:

20th Dec 2024

Name:

Vernon Stevens

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

IFA (Retired)

Address:

6 Silksworth Hall Drive

Sunderland SR3 2PG

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

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