



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/4/2024 Period start date To Period end date 31/3/2025

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	Para 1.38	We rely fully on volunteers. The majority were asylum seekers and refugees. However, many have been ‘removed’ to other places, we are lucky if we get 2 per week. Those who are not the above are ‘casual’ volunteers, they tend to turn up sporadically.
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	Community Gardens 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.. We have partnered with other not-for-profit entities to extend our range and geographical area.

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.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives	Para 1.41	We don’t fund-raise
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	We don’t invest yet.
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
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: Kepier Hall, Church Street, Houghton le Spring DH4 4DN

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		Resigned 21 st October 2024	
3	Laura Lynch		Resigned 21 st June 2024	
4	William Alan Younger		From 21 st October 2024	
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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	22/09/2025	



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Charity Name
Northern Allotment, Leisure and Community Gardens

No (if any)
1155968

Receipts and payments accounts

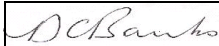
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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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	-	8,256	-	8,256	20,641
The National Lottery Community Fund	-		-	-	9,100
Donations	3,182		-	3,182	183
Misc income	62	-	-	62	389
Other grants	7,450	-	-	7,450	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,694	8,256	-	18,950	30,313
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,694	8,256	-	18,950	30,313
A3 Payments					
Website	523	-	-	523	151
Running Costs	546	-	-	546	3,477
Admin, Postage, phone etc.	1,931	-	-	1,931	160
Capital equipment	798	-	-	798	1,514
Garden Projects	4,378	-	-	4,378	12,066
Volunteer costs	217	-	-	217	262
Petty Cash/expenses	261	-	-	261	2,279
Session work/consultancy	1,571	-	-	1,571	1,320
Events	16,284	-	-	16,284	10,827
Sub total	26,509	-	-	26,509	32,056
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,509	-	-	26,509	32,056
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 15,815	8,256	-	- 7,559	- 1,743
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,175	-	-	8,175	-
Cash funds this year end	- 7,640	8,256	-	616	- 1,743

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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		David Banks	21/09/2025	