LETS GROW PRESTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1159007

Details

Other names	PRESTON ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM, PEF
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-10-29
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 1. IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF PRESTON (Defined as the PR postcodes) AND ITS VISITORS, THE GARDENS, LANDSCAPED AREAS, OPEN SPACES, PLAYING FIELDS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATIONAL AMENITY SPACES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE PUBLIC BY PROVIDING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT WHICH ARE ANCILLARY TO THOSE PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY. 2. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF SUCH PLACES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, AND DEVELOPING THE SELF CONFIDENCE, SOCIAL SKILLS, WORK SKILLS AND HORTICULTURAL SKILLS OF THE INHABITANTS OF PRESTON (DEFINED AS THE PR POSTCODES) AND ITS VISITORS.

Activities: Provide training/resources to help community groups to manage and maintain green spacesProvide a network of communication and support for community environmental groups, activities and peoplePromote an environment of skill sharing, volunteering and sharing of resourcesencourage the formation of new community based groups promote and publicise community environmental activities

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£117,611	£159,554	-	-
2023-10-31	£211,043	£183,576	-	-
2022-10-31	£149,519	£117,867	-	-
2021-10-31	£118,420	£79,244	-	-
2020-10-31	£118,420	£79,244	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Canon Andrew Robert Pratt MBE		2025-06-20
Jeanette Smalley		2025-03-31
Joanne Ellison		2025-11-28
Karen Jane Wardle		2021-08-09
Mark George Jewell		2025-12-07
Tayo Korede		2025-12-17

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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LETS GROW PRESTON

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

Trustees

Barbara Gillies
Karen Wardle
Anna Hindle (resigned)
Patricia Morey (resigned)
Andrew Robert Pratt MBE (appointed 20 June 2025)
Richard Cupid (appointed 2 May 2025)
Jeanette Smalley (appointed 31 March 2025)

Charity registered number

1159007

Registered office

Ashton Park, Preston, Lancashire, PR2 1HL

Accountants

CW Accountants Limited, Office 5, The Boulevard Centre, 45 Railway Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 1EZ

Bankers

The Co-Operative Bank PLC, PO Box 101, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M60 4EP

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the company for the 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are;

1. Improve and maintain for the benefit of the inhabitants of Preston (defined as the PR postcodes) and its visitors, the gardens, landscaped areas, open spaces, playing fields, playgrounds and recreational amenity spaces with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public by providing resources and support which are ancillary to those provided by the local authority.

2. The advancement of education in the conservation, protection and improvement of such places with the object of improving the health and well-being, and developing the self-confidence, social skills, work skills and horticultural skills of the inhabitants of Preston (defined as the PR postcodes) and its visitors.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

Main Activities
Provide training/resources to help community groups to manage and maintain green spaces
Provide a network of communication and support for community environmental groups, activities and people
Promote an environment of skill sharing, volunteering and sharing of resources
Encourage the formation of new community based groups
Promote and publicise community environmental activities

c. MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S PURPOSES FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT

Social and Therapeutic Horticulture
Delivered over 1,000 horticulture sessions with an average attendance of 14 people, resulting in over 21,000 volunteer hours.
Based on the Real Living Wage (£11.83/hour), the volunteer contribution is valued at approximately £248,430.

Community Events and Outreach
Hosted annual Spring Fair, attracting over 500 attendees each year. This Event showcased diverse performances including brass bands, Bollywood dancers, and featured local, ethical traders. National Garden Scheme Open Day, engaging an average of 45 attendees per event, connecting us to local gardening clubs and businesses. Attended major community events such as Preston Mela, Windrush 76, and various fetes and fairs, reaching approximately 1500 individuals Bulbs of hope project reached over 300 individuals Various public speaking events including representing the charity at national conferences.

Workshops and Training
Delivered 25 outreach workshops (e.g., Bulbs of Hope, Leave an Impression, Sowing Seeds for the Community)

in community centres across Preston, engaging around 1,000 individuals.
Ran over 30 training courses in horticulture and willow weaving, averaging 12 attendees per course. Participants valued each course at approximately £35.
Provided 60 hours of outreach activities across 8 schools, engaging 740 children.
Facilitated 2 cookery courses for a total of 30 participants.
Regularly run a bereavement café, sewing club, and "chat and chippy" events, each engaging around 30 people monthly.

Volunteering and Employment
Maintain an active volunteer base of 60–80+ volunteers weekly across three sites (currently over 80, with further growth expected).
Over 300 individuals are registered on our volunteer database.
87% of beneficiaries and volunteers report improved mental health from participating in our activities.
6 individuals reported that our services directly prevented their death by suicide.
Supported the direct employment of 1 volunteer through progression from volunteering.

Food Distribution and Environmental Impact
Food Distribution and Environmental Impact Distributed 1412 kg of fruit and vegetables, valued at £7000 retail, providing approximately 17651 meals and saving 1.6 tonnes of carbon, according to the Sustain Harvestometer. Weekly van collections from Fareshare: over 150 food collections annually, supporting an estimated 300 families each week. Donated over 200 buckets of living vegetables to families and primary schools at engagement events. Provided over 30 donations of gardening equipment and plants (e.g., wheelbarrows, pots, seeds) to schools, community gardens, and local organisations. Repaired and redistributed over 20 recycled tools back into community gardens.

Accredited Learning
Over 90 individuals have gained accredited horticultural qualifications through courses delivered onsite by Lancashire Adult Learning and Myerscough College.

Sustainability Achievements
Donations of plant pots and materials from local florists and suppliers diverted approximately 3 tonnes of waste from landfill annually, saving us about £800 per year.
General public donations of materials saved us a further £600 annually in purchasing costs.

Education and Schools Engagement
Hosted over 50 visits from primary schools, secondary schools, and colleges, including students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).
Environmental Clean-up
Organised 12 litter picking events, averaging 15 participants per event.

d. VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are a mixture from all walks of life including;

Students from various primary, high schools and colleges including SEND groups
Youth Offenders Team providing significant activities for young people
Referrals from various NHS sectors who trust us to improve their clients' physical, mental and social well-being.
Groups who have left mental health hospitals and are living in the community with support from NHS
Self referrals from people who want to improve their physical, mental or social well-being
Volunteers who wish to be busy and to give back to the community
Prince's Trust attendees
Corporate days
Other voluntary and community organisations

Schooled at home
Individuals with special care needs who come with the carers
Individuals referred by local job centre to get them into regular volunteering
Work experience young people as individuals and groups
Scouts, Guides and Trefoil groups
Local gardening groups and clubs

We continue to work with young people under 18, accompanied by a responsible adult.

We work with young people over 17 on their own, provided we have a positive and communicative relationship with their parent or carer and that we trust that the parent or carer will be contactable if required.

Safeguarding underwrites our ethos for nurturing and working with our volunteers, our staff and the entire community.

What Karen Livesey, CEO of No Whispers child sexual exploitation training says about our volunteer handbook-
Karen Livesey
Tue 7 Jan, 13:03
I was working on your Volunteer policy on Sunday and reading it gave me a warm almost “ready brek feeling” as I could see reflections of past training from No Whispers CIC as shown through the language, ethos and strong safeguarding messages throughout your Volunteer Handbook. It's clear and detailed and focused on empowering people within a safe culture and with a safeguarding priority. Great stuff. :-)

The fact is that we are happy to share our policies with any organisation who needs them.

Our volunteer database has increased by 200% for the second year running to over 300 volunteers.

Our volunteers are crucial to the continuation of Let’s Grow Preston. We are extremely grateful to our volunteers for their consistent efforts and enthusiasm.

We value our volunteers enormously; we are guided and inspired by their input.

We have created a volunteer handbook which we believe expresses our investment in the volunteers and will be creating a further handbook and development strategy for Volunteer Leaders who will take on more responsibility, enabling longer and more opening times, more opportunities for LGP to take part in activities which is currently difficulty to achieve with only our small team of employed staff.

Our volunteers typically report that they feel better, and better about themselves after a volunteering session with Let’s Grow Preston.

If you wish to join our team of volunteers, we would be delighted for you to do so, please contact annie@letsgrowpreston.org

Achievements and performance

a. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

How, What and When have we achieved these

We support a network of community gardens and gardeners across the PR postcodes and have assisted in improving or creating gardens and green spaces by providing advice, tools, volunteers and plants.
Following the principles of Social Therapy in Horticulture, we work with volunteers to improve their physical, mental and social well-being. With the increase in cost of living impacting on fuel poverty and food poverty, the

detrimental effect on mental health, the demand for our services continues to increase.

Our volunteers have the experience of growing significant quantities of food at both the LGP sites and have continued to collect surplus harvest from the 600 allotmenteers of Preston.

Grange community Gardens has benefited from funding which has enabled us to create a propagation room, shaded polytunnel and improved herbaceous boarders, as well as renewing the timber in the raised beds.
This means that we have significantly increased the methods of horticulture and facilities for delivering horticultural activities at Grange Community Gardens and hence provided our volunteers with experience of conducting horticultural work and activities. We have continued to grow as much food as possible on site and collecting surplus harvest from the 600 allotmenteers of Preston.

As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the Charity Commission provides direction on how we can generate a surplus and is particularly clear on trading and how and when we are able to trade and raise surplus for our charity.

Following the principles of Social Therapy in Horticulture, we work with volunteers to improve their physical, mental and social well-being. We recognise that the cost of living increased tremendously, including fuel poverty and food poverty, leading to the demand for our services to continuously increase.

We are open for volunteering sessions at least 50 weeks a year. There are regular tasks to be done each week and seasonal tasks such as pruning, harvesting and mulching. We value our volunteers and ensure that they have purposeful and productive activities to do every session.

The plants that we grow at our sites with volunteers and site users are used to:

a) Furnish our own sites, and pass on to be used by community gardens across the PR postcode, and by friends of open spaces and parks.
b) They are planted into buckets as growing vegetables which have been given to schools, libraries and members of the public at roadshows.
c) Plants and seedlings have been donated to the allotmenteers of Preston in exchange for their harvests.
d) The surplus plant stock is sold from our sites and at markets to raise funds for the organisation. This in itself also improves a volunteer's or a site user's sense of usefulness - which is incredibly important.
e) Let's Grow Preston receives donations of plants, bulbs and seeds which we grow to use or grow to sell to support our charitable activities.
f) We continue to develop and mutually benefit from relationships with local suppliers and nurseries such as Brighter Blooms, Newgate Nurseries, Holland House Farm, Bannister Hall Gardens and Peter H Smith.

In addition to above
We aim to have a new building erected to manage the increased demand upon our services with a community café which will generate a sustainable income to support the staff costs
We will develop more relationships with local businesses and high net worth supporters to generate more support in kind and more donations from business who take their corporate social responsibility towards the environment and peoples' health seriously, as do we.
We will source funding to replace our raised beds and will source funding for an outdoor kitchen because we know that our volunteers and beneficiaries can grow food but they don't necessarily know how to cook it, so we will collaborate with local organisations who teach food cookery to deliver workshops and opportunities to cook and eat together

Testimonials

Quote from Sarah Threlfall, Deputy Chief Executive of Preston City Council:2024
"LGP is amazing, it is changing lives in the city, they are creating huge opportunities for these neighbourhoods to thrive, for people to come out of their homes, to connect with nature and connect with other people within their

community. They are also supporting some really vulnerable individuals to become part of that wider network and to thrive themselves.
None of us can make the change we want to on our own.
The Preston model is really focused on anchor organisations and really critically anchor organisations like LGP and people like Annie who have got the vision and the energy to really drive change in their communities."

Quote from Cllr Mathew Brown Leader of Preston City Council; 2024
"The fact that they're doing stuff around sustainability is brilliant, but also to tackle unfairness in our communities which is quite embedded and has been for some time. Crucially, what they are doing for us is helping us tackle inequality, because a lot of the food that's grown here is distributed through the community sector to make sure that people actually have access to affordable food. for us to build change, we have got to work with many community organisations like this I think it's pretty brilliant what they are doing here."

Quote from Taz Ali BEM, Preston Community Hub 2024
"Hussain, I think the relationship [that we have] with LGP is key to a lot of stakeholders, a lot of partners, we're one of them."

Bryan Jones, Dean of School – Health, Social Work and Sport, University of Central Lancashire 2024
"LGP is able to maintain and improve the mental health of their cohorts and that they provide a safe space."

Giovanni Bonfiglio, Community Prevention Engagement Team, LSCFT (NHS Mental Health) 2024
Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust –
"Just within 5 or ten minutes of being there, someone who is quite stressed and anxious, that has dissipated, and they feel relaxed."

Financial review

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

b. RESERVES POLICY

There is currently no reserves policy as such, however Let's Grow Preston are currently working on how this can be implemented in the coming months.

Structure, governance and management

a. CONSTITUTION

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust deed on 24/10/2014 .

The company is constituted under a Trust deed dated 24/10/2014 and is a registered charity number 1159007.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed. A skills analysis is also considered for the election of trustees to ensure that the individual meets the CIO's needs. Re election is completed on a regular basis and recruitment is based on eliminated skills of the current board at the time.

c. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

There are currently four employees and one paid contractor of Let's Grow Preston CIO; A Project Development Manager, Communication and Logistics Officer, Horticultural Project Officer and a Volunteer Co-coordinator. The Chief Executive Officer has day to day management of the organisation and reports to the board on a regular basis. The trustees have quarterly meetings.

d. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks. Two of the major risks identified by the CIO are;
1. Reputational Risk
As the organisation is in the community every day and uses volunteers, the organisation cannot control the threat or danger to the organisation name.
2. Operational Risk
Due to the primary income of the organisation being from one main source which includes partnership working, there is a risk that there may be a break down in communication or the funding coming to an end.

Plans for future periods

a. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We will continue to
Provide support to community groups and individuals who wish to grow their own food in community gardens and at home
Improve physical mental and social wellbeing by delivering volunteering sessions and outreach work.
Work with local council and authorities to help communities to enhance, maintain and develop green open spaces in PR postcodes
Support the network of community gardens and friends of open spaces
Support the local allotmenteers by providing bulk buying discounts and seedlings and collecting their surplus
Maintain develop and enhance our own sites
Engage volunteers and introduce them to the network of community gardens and friends of open spaces
Enable, empower and educate volunteers and communities to be able to improve the local environment

Strategic Planning
There are several significant projects we are looking at over the next 5 to 10 years.

LGP have established relationships with accredited horticultural training organisations, we will therefore continue to recruit candidates and reinforce the accredited training provided in the community, building resilience and confidence in individuals. Using our connections with local colleges and University of Central Lancashire, we will ensure that potential candidates are supported for higher education and further education with local trainers. Why is this important? Because many of our volunteers and service users come to us at their lowest ebb, they are frequently off work on a long-term basis, the headspace that our work provides, and the reflective listening we provide enables a human to rethink their life circumstances. We can identify education pathways and we can empower and enable volunteers to learn new skills and change their careers/vocations.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

Our work in environmental education including climate and sustainability, food distribution, food waste reduction, and community building uniquely positions us to collaborate effectively with Preston's anchor and community organisations to support these strategic goals. Through collaborative funding applications, we will deliver a programme of outreach work that connect culture to horticulture to the communities using methods and messages of stealth sustainability.

We have outgrown our building at Ashton Walled Garden and will work with Preston City Council, our stakeholders and potential funders to create a new building within the grounds of the walled garden that meet the needs of all of the groups that currently use the building and is future proof, providing amply facilities for a community café, where our volunteers and service users can learn how to prepare and cook the food that we grow, and providing a training room and facilities for community organisations to use, as well as adequate facilities for staff breaks and private consultations.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of Lets Grow Preston for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 28th August, 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee Richard Cupid

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LETS GROW PRESTON (the 'company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2024.

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Trustees of the company (and its directors 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 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: C. Wright Dated: 26th August 2025

Courtney Wright BA FCCA

Office 5, The Boulevard Centre, 45 Railway Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 1EZ

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	**52,527**	**48,108**	**100,635**	*198,381*
Other trading activities		**15,449**	**1,527**	**16,976**	*12,662*
TOTAL INCOME		**67,976**	**49,635**	**117,611**	*211,043*
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities		**41,701**	**117,853**	**159,554**	*183,576*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**41,701**	**117,853**	**159,554**	*183,576*
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT LOSSES		**26,275**	**(68,218)**	**(41,943)**	*27,467*
Net losses on assets		**(1,207)**	**-**	**(1,207)**	*-*
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		**25,068**	**(68,218)**	**(43,150)**	*27,467*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**25,068**	**(68,218)**	**(43,150)**	*27,467*
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		**13,106**	**94,132**	**107,238**	*79,771*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**38,174**	**25,914**	**64,088**	*107,238*

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Note	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
GROSS INCOME IN THE REPORTING PERIOD		**116,404**	*211,043*
Less: Total expenditure		**159,554**	*-*
NET INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	9	**(43,150)**	*27,467*

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 0000000

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	£	*2023* *£*
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		**12,442**		*16,510*
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	**3,440**		*1,608*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**50,688**		*122,476*	
		54,128		*124,084*	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	**(2,482)**		*(33,356)*	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**51,646**		*90,728*
NET ASSETS			**64,088**		*107,238*
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	9		**25,914**		*94,132*
Unrestricted funds	9		**38,174**		*13,106*
TOTAL FUNDS			**64,088**		*107,238*

The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Trustees consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf, by:

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	*2023 £*
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	11	**(71,788)**	*(16,137)*
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**-**	*(17,880)*
Net cash used in investing activities		**-**	*(17,880)*
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**(71,788)**	*(34,017)*
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		**122,476**	*156,493*
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	12	**50,688**	*122,476*

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Lets Grow Preston 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.

1.2 Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required.

No restatements were required.

1.3 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the company is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the company has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the company, or the company is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the company which is the amount the company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset’s use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the company in respect of goods and services supplied during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and machinery	-	20% Reducing Balance
Motor vehicles	-	20% Reducing Balance

1.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Donations	**7,909**	**150**	**8,059**	*25,895*
Grants	**44,618**	**47,958**	**92,576**	*172,486*
Total donations and legacies	**52,527**	**48,108**	**100,635**	*198,381*
Total 2023	*198,381*	*-*	*198,381*	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff wages	**120,661**	*142,121*
Telephone/ broadband	**3,692**	*3,467*
Advertising/ promotion	**361**	*938*
Printing/ stationery	**218**	*1,523*
Insurance	**5,197**	*3,611*
Subscriptions	**2,167**	*1,097*
Materials/ equipment	**13,931**	*15,259*
Computer costs	**614**	*508*
Motor costs	**2,857**	*2,848*
Accountancy costs	**150**	*450*
Depreciation	**2,861**	*4,127*
Legal and professional	**531**	*149*
Refreshments	**201**	*171*
Office equipment/ costs	**2,309**	*1,175*
Training costs	**311**	*1,623*
Bank Charges	**7**	*8*
Repairs/ maintenance	**3,486**	*4,501*
	-	*-*
	-	*-*
	-	*-*
	159,554	*183,576*

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	**2,861**	*4,127*

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2023 - £NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2023 - £NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2023 - £NIL).

5. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2024	*2023*
	£	*£*
Wages and salaries	**120,661**	*142,121*

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2024	*2023*
	No.	*No.*
	4	*6*

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	**£**	**£**
Cost			
At 1 November 2023	**2,028**	**23,868**	**25,896**
Disposals	**-**	**(5,988)**	**(5,988)**
At 31 October 2024	**2,028**	**17,880**	**19,908**
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2023	**1,588**	**7,798**	**9,386**
Charge for the year	**88**	**2,773**	**2,861**
On disposals	**-**	**(4,781)**	**(4,781)**
At 31 October 2024	**1,676**	**5,790**	**7,466**
Net book value			
At 31 October 2024	**352**	**12,090**	**12,442**
At 31 October 2023	*440*	*16,070*	*16,510*

7. DEBTORS

	2024	*2023*
	£	*£*
Prepayments and accrued income	**3,440**	*1,608*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxation and social security (see below)	**1,054**	*2,147*
Other creditors	**378**	*755*
Accruals and deferred income	**1,050**	*30,454*
	2,482	*33,356*

Other taxation and social security

	2024	2023
	£	£
PAYE/NI control	**1,054**	*2,147*

9. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 October 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
Reserves	**13,106**	**67,976**	**(41,701)**	**(1,207)**	**38,174**
Restricted Funds	**94,132**	**49,635**	**(117,853)**	**-**	**25,914**
Total of funds	**107,238**	**117,611**	**(159,554)**	**(1,207)**	**64,088**

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2022 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Balance at 31 October 2023 £*
General funds				
Reserves	*9,840*	*22,577*	*(19,311)*	*13,106*
Restricted Funds	*69,931*	*188,466*	*(164,265)*	*94,132*

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 October 2024 £
General funds	**13,106**	**67,976**	**(41,701)**	**(1,207)**	**38,174**
Restricted funds	**94,132**	**49,635**	**(117,853)**	**-**	**25,914**
	107,238	**117,611**	**(159,554)**	**(1,207)**	**64,088**

9. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2022 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Balance at 31 October 2023* £
General funds	*9,840*	*22,577*	*(19,311)*	*13,106*
Restricted funds	*69,931*	*188,466*	*(164,265)*	*94,132*
	79,771	*211,043*	*(183,576)*	*107,238*

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	**Restricted funds 2024** £	**Total funds 2024** £
Tangible fixed assets	**12,442**	**-**	**12,442**
Current assets	**28,214**	**25,914**	**54,128**
Creditors due within one year	**(2,482)**	**-**	**(2,482)**
	38,174	**25,914**	**64,088**

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	*Restricted funds 2023* £	*Total funds 2023* £
Tangible fixed assets	*2,206*	*14,304*	*16,510*
Current assets	*44,256*	*79,828*	*124,084*
Creditors due within one year	*(33,356)*	*-*	*(33,356)*
	13,106	*94,132*	*107,238*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

11. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Net (expenditure)/income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**(43,150)**	*27,467*
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	**2,861**	*4,127*
Loss on the sale of fixed assets	**1,207**	*-*
Increase in debtors	**(1,832)**	*(248)*
Decrease in creditors	**(30,874)**	*(47,483)*
Net cash used in operating activities	**(71,788)**	*(16,137)*

12. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Cash in hand	**50,688**	*122,476*
Total	**50,688**	*122,476*

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There have been no related party transactions throughout the financial year.

14. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the year-end.

15. CONTROLLING PARTY

Those trustees listed on page one of the accounts control the company.

LETS GROW PRESTON

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

LETS GROW PRESTON
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

Trustees

Barbara Gillies
Michael Crosby (resigned)
Karen Wardle
Anna Hindle
Patricia Morey (appointed 22 September 2023)

Company registered number

0000000

Charity registered number

1159007

Registered office

Ashton Park, Preston, Lancashire, PR2 1HL

Accountants

CW Accountants Limited, Office 5, The Boulevard Centre, 45 Railway Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 1EZ

Bankers

The Co-Operative Bank PLC, PO Box 101, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M60 4EP

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the company for the 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are;

1. Improve and maintain for the benefit of the inhabitants of Preston (defined as the PR postcodes) and its visitors, the gardens, landscaped areas, open spaces, playing fields, playgrounds and recreational amenity spaces with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public by providing resources and support which are ancillary to those provided by the local authority.

2. The advancement of education in the conservation, protection and improvement of such places with the object of improving the health and well-being, and developing the self-confidence, social skills, work skills and horticultural skills of the inhabitants of Preston (defined as the PR postcodes) and its visitors.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

Main Activities
Provide training/resources to help community groups to manage and maintain green spaces
Provide a network of communication and support for community environmental groups, activities and people
Promote an environment of skill sharing, volunteering and sharing of resources
Encourage the formation of new community based groups
Promote and publicise community environmental activities

Accolades
Finalist for Bringing Communities Together at Locality National awards 2023
Community Team of the Year awarded by University of Central Lancashire 2022
Best Nature Based Social Prescribing Project at National Social Prescribing Network awards 2022
Small Social Enterprise of the Year at the Selnet Social Enterprise Lancashire Network awards 2022
RHS Britain in Bloom special award for Annie Wynn BEM and the team at Let's Grow Preston in recognition of the community work that they do 2022
British Empire Medal awarded by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in her birthday honours list in 2022 to Annie Wynn in recognition of meritorious community work, the highest award a commoner can receive for meritorious community work.
Awarded a 'Tree of Trees' from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in recognition of the community work that Let's Grow Preston does, building resilience within their community (one of only 8 other organisations in Lancashire to receive this honour) 2022
2022 Finalists in the Locality Awards - Bringing Communities Together Award. This award celebrates a community organisation who brings diverse communities/groups together, creating places where everyone belongs

c. MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S PURPOSES FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT

500 social therapy in horticulture voluntary sessions across 4 sites
300 people on our volunteer database
7000 hours of volunteering in 12 months – which is a value of £84,000at the Real Living Wage
Three of our volunteers have stated that our support has prevented them from dying by suicide, which is a saving to the British economy of £4.38millon according to Samaritans research
60 hours of outreach activities in 8 schools – 740 children
80 attended corporate events and as a result £10,000 was donated by Kier Foundation for a new van and donations of tools and equipment which we have shared with the network.
12 litter picking events with an average of 15 people attending each month
Community events including the annual LGP Spring fair, Preston Mela, Windrush 76 and fetes and fairs with approximately 4000 individuals reached
Facilitated 2 cookery courses with total of 30 cohorts
Delivering bereavement café, sewing club and chat and chippy events regularly monthly cohorts 30
75 enrolments with Lancashire adult learning onto horticultural courses, accredited introductory courses, level 1 and 2 City and Guilds
Over 3000 plants donated to grass roots organisations , community gardens and allotmenteers approximate retails value of £12,000
Over 50 visits on our sites from primary schools, secondary schools and colleges including SEND pupils/students
Delivered 15 workshops from composting to willow weaving to the general public, community growers and Allotmenteers – approximated 100 individuals, with some individuals enrolling for each workshop

This is the total of food grown and distributed to the Food Hub Network of Preston over the last 3 years. We collect and deliver within a matter days on a weekly basis during the summer holidays, so for about 8 weeks each year.

d. VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are a mixture from all walks of life including;

Students from various primary, high schools and colleges including SEND groups
Youth Offenders Team providing significant activities for young people
Referrals from various NHS sectors who trust us to improve their clients' physical, mental and social well-being.
Groups who have left mental health hospitals and are living in the community with support from NHS
Self referrals from people who want to improve their physical, mental or social well-being
Volunteers who wish to be busy and to give back to the community
Prince's Trust attendees
Corporate days
Other voluntary and community organisations
Schooled at home
Individuals with special care needs who come with the carers
Individuals referred by local job centre to get them into regular volunteering
Work experience young people as individuals and groups
Scouts, Guides and Trefoil groups
Local gardening groups and clubs

We continue to work with young people under 18, accompanied by a responsible adult.
We work with young people over 17 on their own, provided we have a positive and communicative relationship

with their parent or carer and that we trust that the parent or carer will be contactable if required. Safeguarding underwrites our ethos for nurturing and working with our volunteers, our staff and the entire community.

Our volunteer database has increased by 200% for the second year running to over 300 volunteers.

Our volunteers are crucial to the continuation of Let's Grow Preston. We are extremely grateful to our volunteers for their consistent efforts and enthusiasm.

We value our volunteers enormously; we are guided and inspired by their input.

We have created a volunteer handbook which we believe expresses our investment in the volunteers and will be creating a further handbook and development strategy for Volunteer Leaders who will take on more responsibility, enabling longer and more opening times, more opportunities for LGP to take part in activities which is currently difficulty to achieve with only our small team of employed staff.

Our volunteers typically report that they feel better, and better about themselves after a volunteering session with Let's Grow Preston.

If you wish to join our team of volunteers, we would be delighted for you to do so, please contact annie@letsgrowpreston.org

Achievements and performance

a. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Message from the Chair

A very busy and challenging year during which Let's Grow Preston (LGP) continued to deliver on its aims and objectives for the period. I have since joining LGP, initially as a volunteer and latterly as a Trustee, seen first-hand the positive and significant impact the charity's work and horticultural activities have on individuals and communities across Preston, this is also evidenced by the testimonials in this report.

I wish to thank my predecessor Mike Crosby who stepped down as Chair in Sept 2023 after 18 months in the role. During his time Mike ensured that all staff were paid at least the minimum Living Wage and supported the staff team tirelessly, representing the charity at all events with professionalism and great enthusiasm.
The charity continues to build on the collaborative and networking ethos that supports the growth and expansion of its horticultural activities. In today's environment the need for the supportive spaces/activities of LGP continue to increase, and it is therefore imperative that the charity works with all its stakeholders to seek long-term funding to support this valuable work.

I very much look forward to the next 12 months as the charity strives to extend and widen its services to offer improved green spaces and horticultural support/education to individuals and communities across the PR postcode.
On behalf of the Trustees, I wish to thank the staff and volunteers who have worked hard contributing to all of the wide-ranging activities over this 12-month period, it really does make a difference.

Patricia Morey
Chair of Trustees

How, What and When have we achieved these

We support a network of community gardens and gardeners across the PR postcodes and have assisted in improving or creating gardens and green spaces by providing advice, tools, volunteers and plants.
Following the principles of Social Therapy in Horticulture, we work with volunteers to improve their physical, mental and social well-being. With the increase in cost of living impacting on fuel poverty and food poverty, the detrimental effect on mental health, the demand for our services continues to increase.

Our volunteers have the experience of growing significant quantities of food at both the LGP sites and have continued to collect surplus harvest from the 600 allotmenteers of Preston.

Grange community Gardens has benefited from funding which has enabled us to create a propagation room, shaded polytunnel and improved herbaceous boarders, as well as renewing the timber in the raised beds.
This means that we have significantly increased the methods of horticulture and facilities for delivering horticultural activities at Grange Community Gardens and hence provided our volunteers with experience of conducting horticultural work and activities. We have continued to grow as much food as possible on site and collecting surplus harvest from the 600 allotmenteers of Preston.

As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the Charity Commission provides direction on how we can generate a surplus and is particularly clear on trading and how and when we are able to trade and raise surplus for our charity.

Following the principles of Social Therapy in Horticulture, we work with volunteers to improve their physical, mental and social well-being. We recognise that the cost of living increased tremendously, including fuel poverty and food poverty, leading to the demand for our services to continuously increase.

We are open for volunteering sessions at least 50 weeks a year. There are regular tasks to be done each week and seasonal tasks such as pruning, harvesting and mulching. We value our volunteers and ensure that they have purposeful and productive activities to do every session.

The plants that we grow at our sites with volunteers and site users are used to:

a) Furnish our own sites, and pass on to be used by community gardens across the PR postcode, and by friends of open spaces and parks.
b) They are planted into buckets as growing vegetables which have been given to schools, libraries and members of the public at roadshows.
c) Plants and seedlings have been donated to the allotmenteers of Preston in exchange for their harvests.
d) The surplus plant stock is sold from our sites and at markets to raise funds for the organisation. This in itself also improves a volunteer's or a site user's sense of usefulness - which is incredibly important.
e) Let's Grow Preston receives donations of plants, bulbs and seeds which we grow to use or grow to sell to support our charitable activities.
f) We continue to develop and mutually benefit from relationships with local suppliers and nurseries such as Brighter Blooms, Newgate Nurseries, Holland House Farm, Bannister Hall Gardens and Peter H Smith.

In addition to above
We increased our part time staff hours so that our volunteering sessions and outreach work can be increased
Development of the Hub on Grange Park has enabled better connections between the Moor Nook Allotments and Grange Community Gardens reaching more people, creating a more cohesive community
Left Waverley community gardens in a much better place with key volunteers maintaining the garden

Funding/ Donations

We have gratefully received continuation funding from Reaching Communities Fund provided by the National Community Lottery Fund in February 2022. This is a decreasing amount over 3 years to cover core staff costs

only.

Preston City Council have funded us in 2022 to open a Community Hub on Grange Park, from where we provide horticultural activities and link visitors to the park to other local community gardens within the vicinity including our established site at Let's Grow Preston which is on the other side of the valley in Ribbleton, Preston.

Fishwick and St Matthews Big Local Fund (FAMS) and Preston City Council funded us to reopen a community garden in Ribbleton Park known locally as Let's Grow Preston for one year starting in June 2022. The purpose being to encourage local residents to take on the garden and grow plants and in particular food from the space. We have successfully opened the garden, transformed it and have a small group of diverse residents who we are working with to keep the gardens open. Through this funding, we have been able to visit local schools and organisations in the area, to promote the community garden and to get people growing at home.

We also received a small grant from Lancashire County Council in order to provide the local allotment sites with seed libraries. From the Co-operative and RHS in order to collect surplus food from allotmenteers, which is subsidised by Preston City Council and deliver workshops, information leaflets and purchase and supply seeds and seedlings to the allotmenteers of Preston. Thanks to the funding, we were able to collect surplus food from allotmenteers over a 12-week period rather than the usual 6 to 8 weeks and we collected and distributed enough fruit and vegetables for 17,651 meals to food hubs.

In May 2022, we were advised that the vehicle we had wouldn't pass its MOT in 2023 so we knew we had to raise the money to replace the van. The vehicle is essential to transport volunteers to sessions, helping other communities to improve and maintain their green spaces and transport plants to markets, attending events and to transport food for the food hub network. Thanks to the generosity of Preston Guild Rotary and the Kier Foundation, we purchased a new van. These donations have cemented a great relationship with both organisations and we continue to work with them.

Testimonials

Quote from Sarah Threlfall, Deputy Chief Executive of Preston City Council:
"LGP is amazing, it is changing lives in the city, they are creating huge opportunities for these neighbourhoods to thrive, for people to come out of their homes, to connect with nature and connect with other people within their community. They are also supporting some really vulnerable individuals to become part of that wider network and to thrive themselves.
None of us can make the change we want to on our own.
The Preston model is really focused on anchor organisations and really critically anchor organisations like LGP and people like Annie who have got the vision and the energy to really drive change in their communities."

Quote from Cllr Mathew Brown Leader of Preston City Council;
"The fact that they're doing stuff around sustainability is brilliant, but also to tackle unfairness in our communities which is quite embedded and has been for some time. Crucially, what they are doing for us is helping us tackle inequality, because a lot of the food that's grown here is distributed through the community sector to make sure that people actually have access to affordable food.
for us to build change, we have got to work with many community organisations like this I think it's pretty brilliant what they are doing here."

Quote from Taz Ali BEM, Preston Community Hub
"Hussain, I think the relationship [that we have] with LGP is key to a lot of stakeholders, a lot of partners, we're one of them."

Bryan Jones, Dean of School – Health, Social Work and Sport, University of Central Lancashire
"LGP is able to maintain and improve the mental health of their cohorts and that they provide a safe space."
Giovanni Bonfiglio, Community Prevention Engagement Team, LSCFT (NHS Mental Health)
Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust –

"Just within 5 or ten minutes of being there, someone who is quite stressed and anxious, that has dissipated, and they feel relaxed."

Statement from Cllr Anna Hindle, Trustee of LGP, Preston City Councillor, Cabinet Member Culture and Art and Lancashire County Councillor, volunteer at Farringdon Park Community Centre.
"I have known of the work of LGP for six years and have been a trustee of LGP since 2022.
I am proud of the work that LGP does in the PR postcode and particularly across the City of Preston where it is needed and impactful. From building resilience and confidence in individuals, to empowering, enabling and educating communities. In addition, providing plants and knowledge, working collaboratively with a variety of anchor organisations like the NHS and local government to grassroots organisations.
LGP is the catalyst that frequently brings communities and different organisations to the table to make sustainable and significant changes to people's lives."

Hazel Atherton, Social Worker, Mental Health
"Let's Grow is a vibrant thriving community hub.
Always a friendly welcome, a brew in the pot - and if you're lucky, you may be able to barter a seed or sapling or 2 if you bring decent biscuits!
The wonderful team are a massively valuable resource to our community of Preston.
Their colourful and bountiful gardens are wonderfully presented, accessible and offer visitors a cornucopia of warmth, love and dedication.
Never underestimating the calming impact of the outdoors and fresh blooming vegetation on restoring our natural state of psychological well-being, the team also offer a range of opportunities such as flexible volunteering roles in addition to a full range of seasonal and creative events for all ages."

Financial review

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

b. RESERVES POLICY

There is currently no reserves policy as such, however Let's Grow Preston are currently working on how this can be implemented in the coming months.

Structure, governance and management

a. CONSTITUTION

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust deed on 24/10/2014 .

The company is constituted under a Trust deed dated 24/10/2014 and is a registered charity number 1159007.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the

terms of the Trust deed. A skills analysis is also considered for the election of trustees to ensure that the individual meets the CIO's needs. Re election is completed on a regular basis and recruitment is based on eliminated skills of the current board at the time.

c. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

There are currently two employees and one paid contractor of Let's Grow Preston CIO; A Project Development Manager, Community Engagement Officer and Volunteer Co-coordinator. The Project Development Manager has day to day management of the organisation and reports to the board on a regular basis. The trustees have quarterly meetings.

d. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks. Two of the major risks identified by the CIO are;
1. Reputational Risk
As the organisation is in the community every day and uses volunteers, the organisation cannot control the threat or danger to the organisation name.
2. Operational Risk
Due to the primary income of the organisation being from one main source which includes partnership working, there is a risk that there may be a break down in communication or the funding coming to an end.

Plans for future periods

a. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We will continue to
Provide support to community groups and individuals who wish to grow their own food in community gardens and at home
Improve physical mental and social wellbeing by delivering volunteering sessions and outreach work.
Work with local council and authorities to help communities to enhance, maintain and develop green open spaces in PR postcodes
Support the network of community gardens and friends of open spaces
Support the local allotmenteers by providing bulk buying discounts and seedlings and collecting their surplus
Maintain develop and enhance our own sites
Engage volunteers and introduce them to the network of community gardens and friends of open spaces
Enable, empower and educate volunteers and communities to be able to improve the local environment

Strategic Planning
There are several significant projects we are looking at over the next 5 to 10 years.

We believe that within 24 months, we will have achieved significant commissioning by NHS for the improvements and maintenance we make to mental and physical wellbeing, which will enable the sites to be funded on a more long-term basis.
LGP have established relationships with accredited horticultural training organisations, we will therefore continue to recruit candidates and reinforce the accredited training provided in the community, building resilience and confidence in individuals. Using our connections with local colleges and University of Central Lancashire, we will ensure that potential candidates are supported for higher education and further education with local trainers. Why is this important? many of our volunteers and service users come to us at their lowest ebb, they are frequently off work on a long-term basis, the headspace that our work provides, and the reflective listening we provide enables a human to rethink their life circumstances. We can identify education pathways and we can

empower and enable volunteers to learn new skills and change their careers/vocations.
Preston City Council have communicated three significant strategies Food Strategy, Climate Strategy and Parks Strategy have or will be delivered and we are keen to work with the Council to ensure that the strategies are fulfilled within the remit of our charitable aims.
Our work in environmental education including climate and sustainability, food distribution, food waste reduction, and community building uniquely positions us to collaborate effectively with Preston's anchor and community organisations to support these strategic goals. Through collaborative funding applications, we will deliver a programme of outreach work that connect culture to horticulture to the communities using methods and messages of stealth sustainability.
We have outgrown our building at Ashton Walled Garden and will work with Preston City Council, our stakeholders and potential funders to create a new building within the grounds of the walled garden that meet the needs of all of the groups that currently use the building and is future proof, providing amply facilities for a community café, where our volunteers and service users can learn how to prepare and cook the food that we grow, and providing a training room and facilities for community organisations to use, as well as adequate facilities for staff breaks and private consultations.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of Lets Grow Preston for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 25/8/24 and signed on their behalf by: P Morey

Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LETS GROW PRESTON (the 'company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2023.

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Trustees of the company (and its directors 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 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Dated:

Courtney Wright BA FCCA

Office 5, The Boulevard Centre, 45 Railway Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 1EZ

LETS GROW PRESTON
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	*Total funds 2022 £*
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	9,995	188,386	198,381	*134,413*
Other trading activities		12,582	80	12,662	*15,106*
TOTAL INCOME		22,577	188,466	211,043	*149,519*
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities		19,311	164,265	183,576	*117,867*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		19,311	164,265	183,576	*117,867*
NET INCOME BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		3,266	24,201	27,467	*31,652*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		3,266	24,201	27,467	*31,652*
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		9,840	69,931	79,771	*48,119*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		13,106	94,132	107,238	*79,771*

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

LETS GROW PRESTON
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REGISTERED NUMBER: 0000000

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		**16,510**		*2,757*
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	**1,608**		*1,360*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**122,476**		*156,493*	
		124,084		*157,853*	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	**(33,356)**		*(80,839)*	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**90,728**		*77,014*
NET ASSETS			**107,238**		*79,771*
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	9		**94,132**		*69,931*
Unrestricted funds	9		**13,106**		*9,840*
TOTAL FUNDS			**107,238**		*79,771*

The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Trustees consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf, by:

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

LETS GROW PRESTON
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	11	(16,137)	110,088
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(17,880)	-
Net cash used in investing activities		(17,880)	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(34,017)	110,088
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		156,493	46,405
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	12	122,476	156,493

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Lets Grow Preston 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.

1.2 Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required.

No restatements were required.

1.3 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the company is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the company has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the company, or the company is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the company which is the amount the company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the company in respect of goods and services supplied during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and machinery	-	20% Reducing Balance
Motor vehicles	-	20% Reducing Balance

1.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total funds 2023	*Total funds 2022*
	£	£	£	£
Donations	3,895	22,000	25,895	*425*
Grants	6,100	166,386	172,486	*133,988*
Total donations and legacies	9,995	188,386	198,381	*134,413*
Total 2022	*134,413*	-	*134,413*	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff wages	142,121	94,565
Telephone/ broadband	3,467	2,465
Advertising/ promotion	938	294
Printing/ stationery	1,523	1,026
Insurance	3,611	1,360
Subscriptions	1,097	1,128
Materials/ equipment	15,259	12,162
Computer costs	508	715
Motor costs	2,848	2,165
Accountancy costs	450	536
Depreciation	4,127	690
Legal and professional	149	148
Refreshments	171	225
Office equipment/ costs	1,175	388
Training costs	1,623	-
Bank Charges	8	-
Repairs/ maintenance	4,501	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	183,576	117,867

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	4,127	690

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2022 - £NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2022 - £NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2022 - £NIL).

5. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	142,121	94,565

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
	6	4

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 November 2022	2,028	5,988	8,016
Additions	-	17,880	17,880
At 31 October 2023	2,028	23,868	25,896
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2022	1,478	3,781	5,259
Charge for the year	110	4,017	4,127
At 31 October 2023	1,588	7,798	9,386
Net book value			
At 31 October 2023	440	16,070	16,510
At 31 October 2022	*550*	*2,207*	*2,757*

7. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	1,608	1,360

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxation and social security (see below)	2,147	1,329
Other creditors	755	455
Accruals and deferred income	30,454	79,055
	33,356	80,839

Other taxation and social security

	2023	2022
	£	£
PAYE/NI control	2,147	1,329

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

9. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 October 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	9,840	22,577	(19,311)	13,106
Restricted Funds	69,931	188,466	(164,265)	94,132
Total of funds	79,771	211,043	(183,576)	107,238

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2021 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Balance at 31 October 2022 £*
General funds				
Reserves	*316*	*23,503*	*(13,979)*	*9,840*
Restricted Funds	*47,803*	*126,016*	*(103,888)*	*69,931*

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 October 2023 £
General funds	9,840	22,577	(19,311)	13,106
Restricted funds	69,931	188,466	(164,265)	94,132
	79,771	211,043	(183,576)	107,238

9. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2021 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Balance at 31 October 2022* £
General funds	*316*	*23,503*	*(13,979)*	*9,840*
Restricted funds	*47,803*	*126,016*	*(103,888)*	*69,931*
	48,119	*149,519*	*(117,867)*	*79,771*

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	**Restricted funds 2023** £	**Total funds 2023** £
Tangible fixed assets	**2,206**	**14,304**	**16,510**
Current assets	**44,256**	**79,828**	**124,084**
Creditors due within one year	**(33,356)**	**-**	**(33,356)**
	13,106	**94,132**	**107,238**

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	*Restricted funds 2022* £	*Total funds 2022* £
Tangible fixed assets	*2,757*	*-*	*2,757*
Current assets	*87,922*	*69,931*	*157,853*
Creditors due within one year	*(80,839)*	*-*	*(80,839)*
	9,840	*69,931*	*79,771*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

11. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	27,467	31,652
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	4,127	690
Increase in debtors	(248)	(1,147)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(47,483)	78,893
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	(16,137)	110,088

12. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand	122,476	156,493
Total	122,476	156,493

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There have been no related party transactions throughout the financial year.

14. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the year-end.

15. CONTROLLING PARTY

Those trustees listed on page one of the accounts control the company.

LETS GROW PRESTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1159007

Accounts

Charity number: 1159007

LETS GROW PRESTON

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

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LETS GROW PRESTON

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

Trustees

Barbara Gillies (appointed 18 March 2022)
Michael Crosby
Karen Wardle
Anna Hindle (appointed 1 March 2022)

Company registered number

0000000

Charity registered number

1159007

Registered office

Ashton Park, Preston, Lancashire, PR2 1HL

Accountants

CW Accountants Limited, Office 5, The Boulevard Centre, 45 Railway Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 1EZ

Bankers

The Co-Operative Bank PLC, PO Box 101, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M60 4EP

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the company for the 1 November 2021 to 31 October 2022. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are;

1. Improve and maintain for the benefit of the inhabitants of Preston (defined as the PR postcodes) and its visitors, the gardens, landscaped areas, open spaces, playing fields, playgrounds and recreational amenity spaces with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public by providing resources and support which are ancillary to those provided by the local authority.

2. The advancement of education in the conservation, protection and improvement of such places with the object of improving the health and well-being, and developing the self-confidence, social skills, work skills and horticultural skills of the inhabitants of Preston (defined as the PR postcodes) and its visitors.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

Main Activities
Provide training/resources to help community groups to manage and maintain green spaces
Provide a network of communication and support for community environmental groups, activities and people
Promote an environment of skill sharing, volunteering and sharing of resources
Encourage the formation of new community based groups
Promote and publicise community environmental activities

Accolades 2022
Community Team of the Year awarded by University of Central Lancashire
Best Nature Based Social Prescribing Project at National Social prescribing network awards
Small Social Enterprise of the Year at the Selnet Social Enterprise Lancashire Network awards
RHS Britain in Bloom special award for Annie Wynn BEM and the team at Let's Grow Preston in recognition of the community work that they do
British Empire Medal awarded by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in her birthday honours list in 2021 in recognition of meritorious community work, the highest award a commoner can receive for meritorious community work
Tree of trees from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree of Hope in recognition of the community work that Let's Grow Preston does, building resilience within their community (we were one of only 8 other organisations in Lancashire to receive this honour)
2022 Finalists Locality Awards in the Bringing Communities Together Award. This award celebrates a community organisation who brings diverse communities/groups together, creating places where everyone feels that they belong.

Accolades 2021 and prior

Best Community-based Organisation in Social Prescribing at the International Social Prescribing awards
Finalist for Best Nature Based Social Prescribing Project at the international Social Prescribing awards
City Hero Award from Mayor of Preston for work during the pandemic
Winner of the Make a Difference awards from BBC Radio Lancashire for best Community Project of the year 2021 that makes a significant and positive change to many peoples' lives
Winner of Green Champion award at Best of Lancashire Awards
Finalist at the Selnet Awards in several categories and received the only Highly Commended award in the Small Social Enterprise Category
Outstanding at both Let's Grow Preston sites from Britain in Bloom 2021
Special award for the phenomenal and exceptional support work that is carried out by Let's Grow Preston for its network members and the whole of the Preston communities.

c. VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are a mixture of all walks of life;

- Students from various colleges
- Youth Offenders Team providing significant activities for young people
- Referrals from various NHS sectors who trust us to improve their clients' physical, mental and social well-being.
- Self referrals from people who want to improve their physical, mental or social well-being
- Volunteers who walk in and wish to give back to the community
- Princes Trust
- Corporate days
- Other voluntary and community organisations

We are willing to work with young people under 17 who bring with them a responsible adult
We will work with young people over 17 on their own provided we have a good working relationship with their parent or carer and that we trust that the parent or carer will be available should there be any issues

Safeguarding underwrites our ethos for nurturing and working with our volunteers, our staff and the entire community.

Our volunteer database has increased by 200%for the 2nd year running to over 140 volunteers

Our volunteers are crucial to the continuation of Let's Grow Preston. We are extremely grateful to our volunteers for their consistent efforts and enthusiasm.

We value our volunteers enormously; we are often guided and inspired by their input.

We have created a volunteer handbook which we believe expresses our investment in the volunteers and will be creating a further handbook and development strategy for voluntary Volunteer Leaders who will carry more responsibility, enabling longer and more opening times, more opportunities to take part in activities than the paid staff would be able to achieve.

Our volunteers typically report that they feel better and better about themselves after a volunteering session with LGP

Achievements and performance

a. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

How, What and When have we achieved these

We support our network of community gardens and gardeners across the PR postcode and have made contact with and assisted in improving or creating gardens and green spaces by providing advice, tools, volunteers and plants.

Both our own sites at Grange Community Gardens (GCG) and Ashton Walled Gardens (AWG) have improved significantly over the last 12 months. In answer to Covid Recovery, we have continued to grow as much food as possible both on sites and have continued to collect surplus harvest from the 600 allotmenteers of Preston.

As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the Charity Commission provides direction on how we can generate a surplus and is particularly clear on trading and how and when we are able to trade and raise surplus for our charity.

Following the principles of Social Therapy in Horticulture, we work with volunteers to improve their physical mental and social well-being. We recognised that since COVID 19 there is an even greater demand for our services.

Plants grown by our volunteers and site users are used at own sites. Vegetables are grown in buckets and distributed to schools, libraries and the public at Community roadshows. Plants and seedlings have been donated to the allotmenteers of Preston in exchange for their harvests. Any surplus plant stock is sold from our sites and at markets to raise funds for the organisation. This in itself also improves a volunteer's or a site user's sense of usefulness - which is incredibly important.

Let's Grow Preston(LGP) receives donations of plants, bulbs and seeds for which we grow to use or grow to sell to support our charitable activities.

We continue to develop and mutually benefit from relationships with local suppliers and nurseries such as Brighter Blooms, Newgate Nurseries, Holland House Farm, Bannister Hall Gardens and Peter H Smith.

Funding

Our Reaching Communities Grant expired on 30th June 2021 and we self funded to a large extent over the following months.We gratefully received continuation funding from Reaching Communities Fund provided by the National Community Lottery Fund in February 2022.

Preston City Council(PCC) have funded LGP to open a Community Hub on Grange Park, From here we can provide horticultural activities and link visitors to other local community gardens including GCG which is nearby.

Fishwick and St Matthews Big Local Fund (FAMS) and PCC funded LGP for one year in June 2022 to re-open a community garden known locally as Waverley Community Gardens.
We also received a small grant from Lancashire County Council in order to provide the local allotment sites with seed libraries.

Whilst we are thankful for NCLF funding, we are continually seeking funds through other income streams. We will continue to do this through plant sales, delivering bespoke and quality training, sourcing corporate sponsorship and fund-bidding.

We recognise that having multiple funding bids running concurrently means that financial reporting, evaluation and evidence gathering can become more complex .All future funding bids have an element of time/staff

capacity included to oversee the additional costs of managing multiple grants.

We also recognise that with more staff comes greater responsibility on the Development Director to manage the staff and including building up greater staff capacity to be able to support the charity's horticultural project officers.

Our Staff

Annie Wynn BEM, Development Director Full Time Role

Annie is responsible for the day to day running of the charity on behalf of the Trustees. She is a qualified horticulturist with a professional corporate background. Her tenacity and passion for the charity is reflected in the success of the charity. Her ability to network has enabled the profile of Let's Grow Preston to become the primary service for community work in horticulture within the PR postcode. We are regularly consulted by groups on activities and tasks relating to green spaces and bringing the community together.
Through an intensive safeguarding course by esteemed safeguarding trainer, Karen Livesey, Annie is a certified Safeguarding Community Champion

She is a fellow of the School of Social Entrepreneurs and an experienced public speaker, addressing the Locality Conference last year, the Northern Real Farmers Conference and speaking on local BBC Radio Lancashire and at various events and gardening clubs and local associations

Chris Taylor - Volunteer Coordinator - Part time Role

With a background in journalism along with professional horticultural training, Chris has been involved in the development and promotion of community gardens and numerous conservation projects for over 10 years.
Chris is helping Annie to develop a skills database and fact sheets for us to be able to use with volunteers and build up an accredited educational project. He runs our site at Grange Community Gardens and is an experienced trainer in horticulture and train the trainer.

Chris coordinates the larger volunteering groups like NCS, Princes Trust and DWP and works closely with Annie developing the corporate days and relationships with corporate companies.

Esther Thoburn - Horticultural Project Officer part time

A qualified horticulturalist to a level 6, Esther has lived experience and uses this to help the volunteers and site users at Ashton Walled Garden where she is based by following the principles of social therapy in horticulture.
Charlotte Gillett – Communications Officer – part time up to July 2022

Our Communications officer has developed from the grass roots and was also previously a volunteer. She has a degree in Art and is very capable and engaging when delivering workshops and volunteering sessions. She provides administrative support to the Development Director and maintains social media for the charity including the web site which is becoming as dynamic and informative as our charity is. Charlotte resigned from her post so that she could follow her dream to live on her land in North Lancashire.

Tracey Spensley took up this post in September 2022. An experienced manager, having worked in a corporate background and working for the World Wildlife Fund, Tracey brings with her a wealth of wisdom and experience in charitable organisations.

Our trustees

The Chair of the Board of Trustees is a a retired horticulturist who has worked in the public and private sectors providing amenity grounds maintenance and environmental services. His career began as a Landscape and

Forestry Worker and then as an Arborist for private contractor. After gaining a qualification in Amenity Horticulture, he was appointed Tree Officer for Preston Borough Council.

He then joined a leading Landscape Contractor as a Business Development Officer responsible for new contracts throughout the UK. He became a Regional Manager following the award of two contracts valued at c£5m/annum.Two more contracts were added to his region which increased this portfolio to c£6.5m/a.
After 5 years, he joined another leading environmental contractor that specialised in waste management. One contract encompassed the full range of environmental services and he became the Contract's Quality Control Manager. He retired having worked over 40 years in the horticultural industry.

Knowledge:
Horticulture and environmental services
Bid writing
Resource Management
Financial Control
Co-ordinating and consulting with Friends of Park Groups, Sports Clubs, public, Councilors etc.

Qualifications:
National Diploma in Horticulture
NEBS Management
NEBOSH
NVQ Customer Service

Interests:
Chair, Treasurer and volunteer - LGP
Club Section Secretary & Treasurer for Broughton and District Club
Allotment Plot Holder
Local History

Trustee;
Was involved in the charity as a beneficiary, became a volunteer and now a trustee. Runs a community garden at a local dementia day centre, is a retired social worker and has extensive knowledge and experience in organising events, arts and crafts and horticulture. Is an experienced community worker and provides hands on help and support.

Trustee
A local councilor, is particularly interested in the environment and represents the ward where Grange Community Gardens and The Hub on Grange Park is situated

Trustee
A retired care home owner with a wealth of social care experience and in running a successful business

Testimonials
" I like coming here it's good. I can do something and feel useful"
"What you do is amazing, it is so good to hear about a local charity doing so much good and having such a huge effect on peoples' lives"
"[Name] was really anxious before he arrived, worried about what this place was going to be like, but he has settled in really well and look at him working now!
"I just love coming here because it is so peaceful and everyone here is so friendly and kind"
"I didn't want to come into work today, I've been in bed all weekend with anxiety, but through this workshop, what you have shown me is that I can achieve anything, thank you so much for making me feel better about myself"
"Bringing the fresh vegetables to the holiday hunger markets has proved to be really positive, at first not much was collected by the customers, but by the end of August, the customers had developed more confidence and the fresh vegetables went at every holiday hunger market.

"I want you to know that you have proved to me that I can do anything I set my mind to, now listen, because this is important, I feel like I can finish all the jobs at home I have been worried about, a weight has been lifted, thank you so much. I will never forget this feeling of achievement."
"I come here because I know that there is no pressure, that the sessions are open so if I come or not there is no pressure, but when I get here, I can sit or I can join in, I am just accepted and welcomed everytime. Having no expectations of me that I have to come on a certain day really helps my anxiety"
"If I wasn't here, I would be at home alone."

Financial review

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

b. RESERVES POLICY

There is currently no reserves policy as such, however Let's Grow Preston are currently working on how this can be implemented in the coming months.

Structure, governance and management

a. CONSTITUTION

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust deed on 24/10/2014 .

The company is constituted under a Trust deed dated 24/10/2014 and is a registered charity number 1159007.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed. A skills analysis is also considered for the election of trustees to ensure that the individual meets the CIO's needs. Re election is completed on a regular basis and recruitment is based on eliminated skills of the current board at the time.

c. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

There are currently two employees and one paid contractor of Let's Grow Preston CIO; A Project Development Manager, Community Engagement Officer and Volunteer Co-coordinator. The Project Development Manager has day to day management of the organisation and reports to the board on a regular basis. The trustees have quarterly meetings.

d. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the

operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks. Two of the major risks identified by the CIO are;
1. Reputational Risk
As the organisation is in the community every day and uses volunteers, the organisation cannot control the threat or danger to the organisation name.
2. Operational Risk
Due to the primary income of the organisation being from one main source which includes partnership working, there is a risk that there may be a break down in communication or the funding coming to an end.

Plans for future periods

a. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We endeavour to continue to

- Provide support to the community groups and individuals who wish to grow their own food in community gardens and at home
- improve physical mental and social wellbeing
- create to help communities to enhance, maintain and develop green open spaces in PR postcode
- work with local council and authorities to help communities to enhance, maintain and develop green open spaces in PR postcode
- support the network of community gardens and friends of open spaces
- support the local allotmenteers by providing bulk buying discounts and seedlings and collecting their surplus
- maintain develop and enhance our own sites
- engage volunteers and introduce them to the network of community gardens and friends of open spaces
- enable empower and educate volunteers and communities to be able to improve the local environment

what we said we would like to do on top of what we do now

We increased our part time staffs' hours so that our volunteering sessions and outreach work can be increased as a result of the recovery from Covid increasing demand for our services – this has been achieved
Increase our staff capacity to be able to deliver 3 growing workshops including a train the trainer course – we have delivered courses both on line and in person throughout the summer

Open the Interpretation centre and use this as a connect between the Moor Nook Allotments and Grange Community Gardens, reaching more people, creating a more cohesive community - achieved
Staff the community garden at Waverley Park and create a thriving community hub that welcomes all and helps to overcome prejudice and racism as well as simply growing food for the community and enabling people to be able to grow their own – achieved

Strategy Planning – what's the future?
In May 2022 we were advised that the van wouldn't pass its MOT in 2023 so we know we have to raise the money to replace the van which is needed to be able to transport volunteers to sessions which will improve their wellbeing, help other communities to improve and maintain their green spaces and transport plants to markets, events and to transport food for the food hub network.

We had our first development week where we invited staff, trustees and volunteers and stakeholders. This is helping us to plan and strategise. It's also given us insight into what our staff and our volunteers think about LGP and what it means to them. The development week included delivery of training in contextual safeguarding and how the charity is administrated, where our money comes from and why it's so important to receive evidence and evaluations from stakeholders , volunteers and site users.

We will be writing this up into a report and delivering this to the trustees in 2023.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

Because of the amount of interest we are receiving from our volunteers, we are going to develop a system in which they can be more formally included in the planning and development of the charity by creating a steering group.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of Lets Grow Preston for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 17/08/23 and signed on their behalf by:

MICHAEL CROSBY.

Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LETS GROW PRESTON (the 'company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2022.

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Trustees of the company (and its directors 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 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: C Wright Dated: 17th August 2023

Courtney Wright BA FCCA

Office 5, The Boulevard Centre, 45 Railway Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 1EZ

LETS GROW PRESTON
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	**8,397**	**126,016**	**134,413**	*53,871*
Other trading activities		**15,106**	**-**	**15,106**	*14,060*
TOTAL INCOME		**23,503**	**126,016**	**149,519**	*67,931*
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities		**13,979**	**103,888**	**117,867**	*101,008*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**13,979**	**103,888**	**117,867**	*101,008*
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		**9,524**	**22,128**	**31,652**	*(33,077)*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**9,524**	**22,128**	**31,652**	*(33,077)*
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		**316**	**47,803**	**48,119**	*81,196*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**9,840**	**69,931**	**79,771**	*48,119*

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

LETS GROW PRESTON
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 0000000

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2022

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		**2,757**		*3,447*
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	**1,360**		*213*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**156,493**		*46,405*	
		157,853		*46,618*	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	**(80,839)**		*(1,946)*	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**77,014**		*44,672*
NET ASSETS			**79,771**		*48,119*
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	9		**69,931**		*47,803*
Unrestricted funds	9		**9,840**		*316*
TOTAL FUNDS			**79,771**		*48,119*

The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Trustees consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 17 August 2023 and signed on their behalf, by: MICHAEL CROSBY

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	11	**110,088**	*(31,952)*
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**110,088**	*(31,952)*
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		**46,405**	*78,357*
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	12	**156,493**	*46,405*

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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 1 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.

Lets Grow Preston 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.

1.2 Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required.

No restatements were required.

1.3 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the company is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the company has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the company, or the company is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the company which is the amount the company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the company in respect of goods and services supplied during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and machinery	-	20% Reducing Balance
Motor vehicles	-	20% Reducing Balance

1.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
Donations	425	-	425	*2,949*
Grants	7,972	126,016	133,988	*50,922*
Total donations and legacies	8,397	126,016	134,413	*53,871*
Total 2021	*53,871*	-	*53,871*	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff wages	94,565	82,104
Telephone/ broadband	2,465	1,495
Advertising/ promotion	294	-
Printing/ stationery	1,026	492
Insurance	1,360	1,919
Subscriptions	1,128	500
Materials/ equipment	12,162	9,399
Computer costs	715	583
Motor costs	2,165	2,243
Accountancy costs	536	450
Depreciation	690	862
Legal and professional	148	-
Refreshments	225	134
Office equipment/ costs	388	389
Training costs	-	438
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	117,867	101,008

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	690	862

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2021 - £NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2021 - £NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2021 - £NIL).

5. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	94,565	82,104

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
	4	3

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 November 2021 and 31 October 2022	2,028	5,988	8,016
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2021	1,340	3,229	4,569
Charge for the year	138	552	690
At 31 October 2022	1,478	3,781	5,259
Net book value			
At 31 October 2022	550	2,207	2,757
At 31 October 2021	*688*	*2,759*	*3,447*

7. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	1,360	213

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other taxation and social security (see below)	1,329	876
Other creditors	455	240
Accruals and deferred income	79,055	830
	80,839	1,946

Other taxation and social security

	2022	2021
	£	£
PAYE/NI control	1,329	876

9. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 October 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	316	23,503	(13,979)	9,840
Restricted Funds	47,803	126,016	(103,888)	69,931
Total of funds	48,119	149,519	(117,867)	79,771

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2020 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Balance at 31 October 2021 £*
General funds				
Reserves	*17,672*	*17,009*	*(34,365)*	*316*
Restricted Funds	*63,524*	*50,922*	*(66,643)*	*47,803*

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

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General funds	316	23,503	(13,979)	9,840
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	48,119	149,519	(117,867)	79,771

9. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2020 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Balance at 31 October 2021* £
General funds	*17,672*	*17,009*	*(34,365)*	*316*
Restricted funds	*63,524*	*50,922*	*(66,643)*	*47,803*
	81,196	*67,931*	*(101,008)*	*48,119*

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	**Restricted funds 2022** £	**Total funds 2022** £
Tangible fixed assets	**2,757**	**-**	**2,757**
Current assets	**87,922**	**69,931**	**157,853**
Creditors due within one year	**(80,839)**	**-**	**(80,839)**
	9,840	**69,931**	**79,771**

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	*Restricted funds 2021* £	*Total funds 2021* £
Tangible fixed assets	*2,262*	*1,185*	*3,447*
Current assets	*-*	*46,618*	*46,618*
Creditors due within one year	*(1,946)*	*-*	*(1,946)*
	316	*47,803*	*48,119*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

11. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	31,652	(33,077)
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	690	862
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(1,147)	470
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	78,893	(207)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	110,088	(31,952)

12. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash in hand	156,493	46,405
Total	156,493	46,405

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There have been no related party transactions throughout the financial year.

14. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the year-end.

15. CONTROLLING PARTY

Those trustees listed on page one of the accounts control the company.

LETS GROW PRESTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1159007

Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

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LETS GROW PRESTON

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

Trustees

Bill Alston
Michael Crosby
Karen Wardle (appointed 9 August 2021)

Company registered number

0000000

Charity registered number

1159007

Registered office

5 Hollins Close, Hoghton, Preston, Lancashire, PR5 0RG

Accountants

CW Accountants Limited, Office 5, The Boulevard Centre, 45 Railway Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 1EZ

Bankers

The Co-Operative Bank PLC, PO Box 101, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M60 4EP

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the company for the 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2015).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are;

1. Improve and maintain for the benefit of the inhabitants of Preston (defined as the PR postcodes) and its visitors, the gardens, landscaped areas, open spaces, playing fields, playgrounds and recreational amenity spaces with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public by providing resources and support which are ancillary to those provided by the local authority.

2. The advancement of education in the conservation, protection and improvement of such places with the object of improving the health and well-being, and developing the self-confidence, social skills, work skills and horticultural skills of the inhabitants of Preston (defined as the PR postcodes) and its visitors.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

Our main activities for achieving the above objectives are to;
1. provide training/resources to help community groups to manage and maintain green spaces
2. provide a network of communication and support for community environmental groups, activities and people
3. promote an environment of skill sharing, volunteering and sharing of resources
4. encourage the formation of new community based groups
5. promote and publicise community environmental activities

Accolades 2021 -
Best Community-based Organisation in Social Prescribing at the International Social Prescribing awards
Finalist for Best Nature Based Social Prescribing Project at the international Social Prescribing awards
City Hero Award from Mayor of Preston for work during the pandemic
Winner of the Make a Difference awards from BBC Radio Lancashire for best Community Project of the year 2021 that makes a significant and positive change to many peoples' lives
Winner of Green Champion award at Best of Lancashire Awards
Finalist at the Selnet Awards in several categories and received the only Highly Commended award in the Small Social Enterprise Category
Outstanding at both Let's Grow Preston sites from Britain in Bloom 2021
Special award for the prenominal and exceptional support work that is carried out by Let's Grow Preston for its network members and the whole of the Preston communities.

c. VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are a mixture of all walks of life;

- Students from Myerscough College studying ecology and horticulture
- Youth Offenders Team providing significant activities for the young people,
- Referrals from various NHS sectors who trust us to improve their clients' physical, mental and social well-being.
- Self referrals from people who want to improve their physical, mental or social well-being
- Volunteers who walk in and wish to give back to the community
- Princes Trust
- Corporate days
- Other voluntary and community organisations

We are willing to work with young people under 17 who bring with them a responsible adult
We will work with young people over 17 on their own provided we have a good working relationship with their parent or carer and that we trust that the parent or carer will be available should there be any issues

Safeguarding underwrites our ethos for nurturing and working with our volunteers, our staff and the entire community.

Since Covid, our volunteer database has increased by 200% to over 70 volunteers

Our volunteers are crucial to the continuation of Let's Grow Preston. We are extremely grateful to our volunteers for their consistent efforts and enthusiasm.

We value our volunteers enormously; we are often guided and inspired by their input.

We have created a volunteer handbook which we believe expresses our investment in the volunteers and will be creating a further handbook and development strategy for voluntary Volunteer Leaders who will carry more responsibility, enabling longer and more opening times, more opportunities to take part in activities than the paid staff would be able to achieve.

Our volunteers typically report that they feel better and better about themselves after a volunteering session with LGP

Achievements and performance

a. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

We support our network of community gardens and gardeners across the PR postcode and have made contact with and assisted in improving or creating gardens and green spaces by providing advice, tools, volunteers and plants.

Both our own sites at Grange Community Gardens and Ashton Walled Gardens have improved significantly over the last 12 months. In answer to Covid Recovery, we have continued to grow as much food as possible both on sites and have continued to collect surplus harvest from the 400 allotmenteers of Preston.

As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the Charity Commission provides direction on how we can generate a surplus and is particularly clear on trading and how and when we are able to trade and raise surplus for our charity.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Following the principles of Social Therapy in Horticulture, we work with volunteers to improve their physical mental and social well-being. We recognised that since COVID 19 there is an even greater demand for our services.

The plants that we grow are used by volunteers to furnish our own sites, by community gardens across the PR postcode and friends of open spaces, they are planted into buckets as growing vegetables which have been given to schools, libraries and members of the public at roadshows. Plants and seedlings have been donated to the 400 allotmenteers of Preston in exchange for their harvests. The surplus plant stock is sold from our sites and at markets to raise funds for the organisation. This in itself also improves a volunteer's or a site user's sense of usefulness - which is incredibly important.

Let's Grow Preston receives donations of plants, bulbs and seeds for which we grow to use or grow to sell to support our charitable activities.

We continue to develop and mutually benefit from relationships with local suppliers and nurseries such as Brighter Blooms, Newgate Nurseries, Holland House Farm, Bannister Hall Gardens and Peter H Smith.

Our Staff

Annie Wynn, Development Director Full Time Role
Annie is responsible for the day to day running of the charity on behalf of the Trustees. She is a qualified horticulturist with a professional corporate background. Her tenacity and passion for the charity is reflected in the success of the charity. Her ability to network has enabled the profile of Let's Grow Preston to become the primary service for community work in horticulture. We are regularly consulted by groups on activities and tasks relating to green spaces and bringing the community together.
Through an intensive safeguarding course by esteemed safeguarding trainer, Karen Livesey, Annie is a certified Safeguarding Community Champion
She is a fellow of the School of Social Entrepreneurs and an experienced public speaker, addressing the Locality Conference this year being one of her personal highlights.

Chris Taylor - Volunteer Coordinator - Part time Role
With a background in journalism along with professional horticultural training, Chris has been involved in the development and promotion of community gardens and numerous conservation projects for over 10 years.
Chris is helping Annie to develop a skills database and fact sheets for us to be able to use with volunteers and build up an accredited educational project. He runs our site at Grange Community Gardens and is an experienced trainer in horticulture and train the trainer.
Chris coordinates the larger volunteering groups like NCS, Princes Trust and DWP and works closely with Annie developing the corporate days and relationships with corporate companies.

Tim Wherry - Horticultural Project Officer part time
An experienced group leader. Tim started volunteering with Let's Grow Preston in 2018 and secured his role with Let's Grow Preston by proving he is the best candidate. He is enthusiastic, experienced and knowledgeable about gardening and particularly no dig system and organic growing. He has worked for a local gardener getting real experience in garden maintenance, using tools and equipment. Tim supervises the Ashton Walled Garden site and is engaging and supportive with the volunteers and site users.

Charlotte Gillett – Communications Officer – part time
Our Communications officer has developed from the grass roots and was also previously a volunteer. She has a degree in Art and is very capable and engaging when delivering workshops and volunteering sessions. She provides administrative support to the Development Director and maintains social media for the charity including the web site which is becoming as dynamic and informative as our charity is.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

Funding

Our main funders, the NCLF have been of great support to us and we have not requested additional funding in response to the COVID crisis, we have simply used our funding to respond to COVID and continue to work with communities.

As we are coming to the end of the funding period, we are approaching various funders for income and will work on continuation funding from NCLF alongside other funding bids.

We believe that although having the one funder has been superb throughout the 3 year period, that we need to spread the risk of having no funding at all by seeking other sources of income and we will continue to work on generating our own income through plant sales and delivering quality and bespoke training.

Testimonials received -

" I like coming here it's good. I can do something and feel useful"
"What you do is amazing, it is so good to hear about a local charity doing so much good and having such a huge effect on peoples' lives"
"[Name] was really anxious before he arrived, worried about what this place was going to be like, but he has settled in really well and look at him working now!
"I just love coming here because it is so peaceful and everyone here is so friendly and kind"
"I didn't want to come into work today, I've been in bed all weekend with anxiety, but through this workshop, what you have shown me is that I can achieve anything, thank you so much for making me feel better about myself"
"Bringing the fresh vegetables to the holiday hunger markets has proved to be really positive, at first not much was collected by the customers, but by the end of August, the customers had developed more confidence and the fresh vegetables went at every holiday hunger market.
"I want you to know that you have proved to me that I can do anything I set me mind to, now listen, because this is important, I feel like I can finish all the jobs at home I have been worried about, a weight has been lifted, thank you so much. I will never forget this feeling of achievement."

Financial review

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

b. RESERVES POLICY

There is currently no reserves policy as such, however Let's Grow Preston are currently working on how this can be implemented in the coming months.

Structure, governance and management

a. CONSTITUTION

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust deed on 24/10/2014 .

The company is constituted under a Trust deed dated 24/10/2014 and is a registered charity number 1159007.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed. A skills analysis is also considered for the election of trustees to ensure that the individual meets the CIO's needs. Re election is completed on a regular basis and recruitment is based on eliminated skills of the current board at the time.

c. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

There are currently two employees and one paid contractor of Let's Grow Preston CIO; A Project Development Manager, Community Engagement Officer and Volunteer Co-coordinator. The Project Development Manager has day to day management of the organisation and reports to the board on a regular basis. The trustees have quarterly meetings.

d. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks. Two of the major risks identified by the CIO are;
1. Reputational Risk
As the organisation is in the community every day and uses volunteers, the organisation cannot control the threat or danger to the organisation name.
2. Operational Risk
Due to the primary income of the organisation being from one main source which includes partnership working, there is a risk that there may be a break down in communication or the funding coming to an end.

Plans for future periods

a. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We endeavour to continue to

- Provide support to the community groups and individuals who wish to grow their own food in community gardens and at home
- improve physical mental and social wellbeing
- create to help communities to enhance, maintain and develop green open spaces in PR postcode
- work with local council and authorities to help communities to enhance, maintain and develop green open spaces in PR postcode
- support the network of community gardens and friends of open spaces
- support the local allotment by providing bulk buying discounts and seedlings and collecting their surplus
- maintain develop and enhance our own sites
- engage volunteers and introduce them to the network of community gardens and friends of open spaces
- enable empower and educate volunteers and communities to be able to improve the local environment

what we would like to do on top of what we do now

increase our part time staffs' hours so that our volunteering sessions and outreach work can be increased as a result of the recovery from Covid.
Increase our staff capacity to be able to deliver 3 growing workshops including a train the trainer course

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

Open the Interpretation centre and use this as a connect between the Moor Nook Allotments and Grange Community Gardens, reaching more people, creating a more cohesive community
Staff the community garden at Waverley Park and create a thriving community hub that welcomes all and helps to overcome prejudice and racism as well as simply growing food for the community and enabling people to be able to grow their own

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of Lets Grow Preston for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 3/8/22 and signed on their behalf by:

MICHAEL CROSBY
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LETS GROW PRESTON (the 'company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2021.

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Trustees of the company (and its directors 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 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: C Wright Dated: 27/07/2022

Courtney Wright BA FCCA

Office 5, The Boulevard Centre, 45 Railway Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 1EZ

LETS GROW PRESTON

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	*Total funds 2020 £*
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	**2,949**	**50,922**	**53,871**	*113,031*
Other trading activities		**14,060**	**-**	**14,060**	*5,389*
TOTAL INCOME		**17,009**	**50,922**	**67,931**	*118,420*
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities		**34,365**	**66,643**	**101,008**	*79,244*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**34,365**	**66,643**	**101,008**	*79,244*
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		**(17,356)**	**(15,721)**	**(33,077)**	*39,176*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**(17,356)**	**(15,721)**	**(33,077)**	*39,176*
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		**17,672**	**63,524**	**81,196**	*42,020*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**316**	**47,803**	**48,119**	*81,196*

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

LETS GROW PRESTON

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 0000000

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021

	Note	£	2021 £	£	*2020 £*
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		**3,447**		*4,309*
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	**213**		*683*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**46,405**		*78,357*	
		46,618		*79,040*	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	**(1,946)**		*(2,153)*	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**44,672**		*76,887*
NET ASSETS			**48,119**		*81,196*
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	9		**47,803**		*63,524*
Unrestricted funds	9		**316**		*17,672*
TOTAL FUNDS			**48,119**		*81,196*

The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Trustees consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf, by:

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	*2020 £*
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	11	**(31,952)**	*40,649*
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**(31,952)**	*40,649*
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		**78,357**	*37,708*
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	12	**46,405**	*78,357*

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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 1 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.

Lets Grow Preston 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.

1.2 Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required.

No restatements were required.

1.3 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the company is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the company has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the company, or the company is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the company which is the amount the company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the company in respect of goods and services supplied during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and machinery	-	20% Reducing Balance
Motor vehicles	-	20% Reducing Balance

1.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	*Total funds 2020 £*
Donations	**2,949**	**-**	**2,949**	*230*
Grants	**-**	**50,922**	**50,922**	*112,801*
Total donations and legacies	**2,949**	**50,922**	**53,871**	*113,031*
Total 2020	*113,031*	-	*113,031*	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff wages	**82,104**	*55,586*
Telephone/ broadband	**1,495**	*1,106*
Advertising/ promotion	**-**	*129*
Printing/ stationery	**492**	*648*
Insurance	**1,919**	*1,506*
Subscriptions	**500**	*197*
Materials/ equipment	**9,399**	*12,461*
Computer costs	**583**	*741*
Motor costs	**2,243**	*1,222*
Accountancy costs	**450**	*689*
Depreciation	**862**	*1,077*
Legal and professional	**-**	*632*
Refreshments	**134**	*213*
Office equipment/ costs	**389**	*2,469*
Training costs	**438**	*568*
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	101,008	*79,244*

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	**862**	*1,077*

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2020 - £NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2020 - £NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2020 - £NIL).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

5. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2021	*2020*
	£	*£*
Wages and salaries	**82,104**	*55,586*

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2021	*2020*
	No.	*No.*
	3	*3*

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 November 2020 and 31 October 2021	**2,028**	**5,988**	**8,016**
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2020	**1,168**	**2,539**	**3,707**
Charge for the year	**172**	**690**	**862**
At 31 October 2021	**1,340**	**3,229**	**4,569**
Net book value			
At 31 October 2021	**688**	**2,759**	**3,447**
At 31 October 2020	*860*	*3,449*	*4,309*

7. DEBTORS

	2021	*2020*
	£	*£*
Prepayments and accrued income	**213**	*683*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other taxation and social security (see below)	**876**	*686*
Other creditors	**240**	*1,087*
Accruals and deferred income	**830**	*380*
	1,946	*2,153*

Other taxation and social security

	2021	2020
	£	£
PAYE/NI control	**876**	*686*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

9. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 October 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	**17,672**	**17,009**	**(34,365)**	**316**
Restricted Funds	**63,524**	**50,922**	**(66,643)**	**47,803**
Total of funds	**81,196**	**67,931**	**(101,008)**	**48,119**

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2019 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Balance at 31 October 2020 £*
General funds				
Reserves	*11,403*	*6,467*	*(198)*	*17,672*
Restricted Funds	*30,617*	*111,953*	*(79,046)*	*63,524*

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 October 2021 £
General funds	**17,672**	**17,009**	**(34,365)**	**316**
Restricted funds	**63,524**	**50,922**	**(66,643)**	**47,803**
	81,196	**67,931**	**(101,008)**	**48,119**

9. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2019 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Balance at 31 October 2020* £
General funds	*11,403*	*6,467*	*(198)*	*17,672*
Restricted funds	*30,617*	*111,953*	*(79,046)*	*63,524*
	42,020	*118,420*	*(79,244)*	*81,196*

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	**Restricted funds 2021** £	**Total funds 2021** £
Tangible fixed assets	**2,262**	**1,185**	**3,447**
Current assets	**-**	**46,618**	**46,618**
Creditors due within one year	**(1,946)**	**-**	**(1,946)**
	316	**47,803**	**48,119**

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	*Restricted funds 2020* £	*Total funds 2020* £
Tangible fixed assets	*4,309*	*-*	*4,309*
Current assets	*15,516*	*63,524*	*79,040*
Creditors due within one year	*(2,153)*	*-*	*(2,153)*
	17,672	*63,524*	*81,196*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

11. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**(33,077)**	*39,176*
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	**862**	*1,077*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**470**	*(113)*
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	**(207)**	*509*
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	**(31,952)**	*40,649*

12. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand	**46,405**	*78,357*
Total	**46,405**	*78,357*

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There have been no related party transactions throughout the financial year.

14. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the year-end.

15. CONTROLLING PARTY

Those trustees listed on page one of the accounts control the company.

LETS GROW PRESTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1159007

Accounts

Charity number: 1159007

LETS GROW PRESTON

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

LETS GROW PRESTON
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LETS GROW PRESTON

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

Trustees

Bill Alston
Rosie Paterson
Jim Towersey
Barry Mann

Charity registered number

1159007

Registered office

5 Hollins Close, Hoghton, Preston, Lancashire, PR5 0RG

Accountants

CW Accountants Limited, Office 5, The Boulevard Centre, 45 Railway Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 1EZ

Bankers

The Co-Operative Bank PLC, PO Box 101, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M60 4EP

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the company for the 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 1 (effective 1 January 2015).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are;

To improve and maintain for the benefit of the inhabitants of Preston (defined as the pr postcodes) and its visitors, the gardens, landscaped areas, open spaces, playing fields, playgrounds and recreational amenity spaces with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public by providing resources and support which are ancillary to those provided by the local authority.

The advancement of education in the conservation, protection and improvement of such places with the object of improving the health and well-being, and developing the self-confidence, social skills, work skills and horticultural skills of the inhabitants of Preston (defined as the PR postcodes) and its visitors.

b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

Our main activities for achieving the above objectives are to;
1. provide training/resources to help community groups to manage and maintain green spaces
2. provide a network of communication and support for community environmental groups, activities and people
3. promote an environment of skill sharing, volunteering and sharing of resources
4. encourage the formation of new community based groups
5. promote and publicise community environmental activities

c. VOLUNTEERS

Ashton Walled Garden, some of our volunteers have chosen not to come back since Lockdown, however, we are receiving at least one enquiry a week from our website and we have seen 6 new volunteers repeat visit since June. We have not invited the more vulnerable volunteers because they struggle to work on their own, unsupervised.
Grange Community Gardens, most volunteers have come back, but we are only opening to volunteers on Mondays and Tuesdays. Chris is at Grange every other Friday, but he doesn't have volunteers that day so that he can work in the polytunnel.
Our volunteers are crucial to the continuation of Let's Grow Preston. We are extremely grateful to our volunteers for their consistent efforts and enthusiasm.
We value our volunteers enormously; we are often guided and inspired by their input.
We have created a volunteer handbook which we believe expresses our investment in the volunteers and will be creating a further handbook and development strategy for voluntary Volunteer Leaders who will carry more responsibility, enabling longer and more opening times, more opportunities to take part in activities than the paid staff would be able to achieve.
In view of the current lockdown, we are not welcoming volunteers on site, but we will be providing video

conferencing sessions so that we can keep in touch.

Achievements and performance

a. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

We support our network of community gardens and gardeners across the PR postcode and have made contact with and assisted in improving or creating gardens and green spaces by providing advice, tools, volunteers and plants.

Both our own sites at Grange Community Gardens and Ashton Walled Gardens have improved significantly over the last 12 months. In answer to Covid, we grew as much food as possible both on site and at other community gardens and at vacant plots on allotment sites.

In the first few months of 2020,we had about 40 regular volunteers. and that some of our regular volunteers have chosen not to come back to volunteer with LGP, but our register of volunteer numbers has grown by 50%. Covid safety measures have been set in place and whereas we might have welcomed up to 15 or even 20 volunteers on site on any one day, we are restricting the number of volunteers to 3 bubbles for 2 two hour sessions per day. This means that although the number of volunteers has increased, and continues to do so, actually the number of man hours has dropped significantly.

The fact that we have been able to carry out so many activities in answer to the Covid emergency response and that the gardens that Let's Grow Preston manage have improved significantly again this year, and been so productive is attributable to the commitment and hard work of staff throughout and, the volunteers who were welcomed back on site in June.

Our schedule of training workshops was disrupted by storms in January and February and Covid onwards. Whilst the lockdowns and restrictions were lifted, we delivered a workshop, outside at Grange Community Gardens. Despite the event being oversubscribed (there was a waiting list), of the 29 people booked only 2 actually turned up. We recognise that this is a waste of our resources and have agreed that in future all bookings will be subject to a £5 non returnable deposit. Special consideration will be given to individuals suffering hardship at the discretion of the staff at the time of booking.

As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the Charity Commission provides direction on how we can generate a surplus and is particularly clear on trading and how and when we are able to trade and raise surplus for our charity.

Much of what we sell is a by-product of the charitable work we do. We grow plants from seeds. Volunteers are taught how to germinate and care for the plants. This improves their physical and mental wellbeing. Volunteers and site users are able to use the plants grown to provide food and flowering plants which improve green spaces.

The surplus is used to raise funds for the organisation. This in itself also improves a volunteer’s or a site user’s sense of usefulness - which is incredibly important.

Let's Grow Preston receives donations of plants, bulbs and seeds for which we grow to use or grow to sell to support our charitable activities.

We continue to develop and mutually benefit from relationships with local suppliers and nurseries such as Brighter Blooms, Newgate Nurseries, Holland House Farm, Bannister Hall Gardens and Peter H Smith.

Big Lottery Funding - Help Through Crisis

Our Reaching Communities Grant will expire on 28th February 2021.

Our Staff

Annie Wynn, Project Development Manager Full Time Role
Annie is responsible for the day to day running of the charity on behalf of the Trustees. She is a qualified horticulturist with a professional corporate background.

Chris Taylor - Volunteer Coordinator - Part time Role
With a background in journalism along with professional horticultural training Chris has been involved in the development and promotion of community gardens and numerous conservation projects for over 10 years.
Chris is helping Annie to develop a skills database and fact sheets for us to be able to use with volunteers and build up an accredited educational project
Chris coordinates the larger volunteering groups like NCS, Princes Trust and DWP

Tim Wherry - Horticultural Project Officer part time
An experienced group leader. Tim started volunteering with Let's Grow Preston in 2018 and secured his role with Let's Grow Preston by proving he is the best candidate. He is enthusiastic, experienced and knowledgeable about gardening and particularly no dig system and organic growing. He has worked for a local gardener getting real experience in garden maintenance, using tools and equipment.

Our funding from HTC and now Reaching Communities funding, is subject to our meeting the following outcomes;

1. People who have experienced hardship crisis are better able to improve their circumstances
2. People who are at high risk of experiencing hardship crisis are better able to plan for the future
3. Organisations are better able to support people to effectively tackle hardship through sharing learning and evidence
4. Those experiencing, or who are at high risk of experiencing hardship, crisis, have a stronger, more collective voice to better shape a response to their issues

We continue to meet the outcomes to the satisfaction of the National Community Lottery Fund.

Testimonials received -
" I like coming here its good. I can do something and feel useful"
"What you do is amazing, it is so good to hear about a local charity doing so much good and having such a huge effect on peoples' lives"
"[Name] was really anxious before he arrived, worried about what this place was going to be like, but he has settled in really well and look at him working now!
"I just love coming here because it is so peaceful and everyone here is so friendly and kind"
"I didn't want to come into work today, I've been in bed all weekend with anxiety, but through this workshop, what you have shown me is that I can achieve anything, thank you so much for making me feel better about myself"
"Bringing the fresh vegetables to the holiday hunger markets has proved to be really positive, at first not much was collected by the customers, but by the end of August, the customers had developed more confidence and the fresh vegetables went at every holiday hunger market.

Financial review

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt

the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

b. RESERVES POLICY

There is currently no reserves policy as such, however Let's Grow Preston are currently working on how this can be implemented in the coming months.

Structure, governance and management

a. CONSTITUTION

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Trust deed on 24/10/2014 .

The company is constituted under a Trust deed dated 24/10/2014 and is a registered charity number 1159007.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed. A skills analysis is also considered for the election of trustees to ensure that the individual meets the CIO's needs. Re election is completed on a regular basis and recruitment is based on eliminated skills of the current board at the time.

c. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

There are currently two employees and one paid contractor of Let's Grow Preston CIO; A Project Development Manager, Community Engagement Officer and Volunteer Co-coordinator. The Project Development Manager has day to day management of the organisation and reports to the board on a regular basis. The trustees have quarterly meetings.

d. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks. Two of the major risks identified by the CIO are;
1. Reputational Risk
As the organisation is in the community every day and uses volunteers, the organisation cannot control the threat or danger to the organisation name.
2. Operational Risk
Due to the primary income of the organisation being from one main source which includes partnership working, there is a risk that there may be a break down in communication or the funding coming to an end.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on and signed on their behalf by:

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Bill Alston
Trustee

LETS GROW PRESTON

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LETS GROW PRESTON (the 'company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2020.

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Trustees of the company (and its directors 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 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: C. Wright

Dated: 26/07/2021

Courtney Wright BA FCCA

Office 5, The Boulevard Centre, 45 Railway Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 1EZ

LETS GROW PRESTON

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2019 £*
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	2	**1,078**	**111,953**	**113,031**	*67,602*
Other trading activities		**5,389**	**-**	**5,389**	*7,915*
TOTAL INCOME		**6,467**	**111,953**	**118,420**	*75,517*
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities		**198**	**79,046**	**79,244**	*77,211*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**198**	**79,046**	**79,244**	*77,211*
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		**6,269**	**32,907**	**39,176**	*(1,694)*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**6,269**	**32,907**	**39,176**	*(1,694)*
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		**11,403**	**30,617**	**42,020**	*43,714*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**17,672**	**63,524**	**81,196**	*42,020*

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

LETS GROW PRESTON

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REGISTERED NUMBER:

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2020

	Note	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		**4,309**		*5,386*
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	**683**		*570*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**78,357**		*37,708*	
		79,040		*38,278*	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	**(2,153)**		*(1,644)*	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**76,887**		*36,634*
NET ASSETS			**81,196**		*42,020*
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	9		**63,524**		*30,617*
Unrestricted funds	9		**17,672**		*11,403*
TOTAL FUNDS			**81,196**		*42,020*

The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Trustees consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf, by:

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Bill Alston

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	*2019 £*
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	11	**40,649**	*(7,931)*
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**40,649**	*(7,931)*
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		**37,708**	*45,639*
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	12	**78,357**	*37,708*

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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 1 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.

Lets Grow Preston 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.

1.2 Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required.

No restatements were required.

1.3 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the company is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the company has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the company, or the company is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the company which is the amount the company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset’s use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the company in respect of goods and services supplied during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and machinery	-	20% Reducing Balance
Motor vehicles	-	20% Reducing Balance

1.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2019 £*
Donations	**230**	**-**	**230**	*652*
Grants	**848**	**111,953**	**112,801**	*66,950*
Total donations and legacies	**1,078**	**111,953**	**113,031**	*67,602*
Total 2019	*67,602*	*-*	*67,602*	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	2020 £	*2019 £*
Staff wages	**55,586**	*56,180*
Telephone/ broadband	**1,106**	*572*
Advertising/ promotion	**129**	*191*
Printing/ stationery	**648**	*1,592*
Insurance	**1,506**	*1,771*
Subscriptions	**197**	*90*
Materials/ equipment	**12,461**	*12,275*
Computer costs	**741**	*378*
Motor costs	**1,222**	*689*
Accountancy costs	**689**	*556*
Depreciation	**1,077**	*1,727*
Legal and professional	**632**	*-*
Refreshments	**213**	*113*
Office equipment/ costs	**2,469**	*410*
Workwear	**-**	*473*
Volunteer costs	**-**	*194*
Training costs	**568**	*-*
	-	*-*
	-	*-*
	-	*-*
	79,244	*77,211*

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2020 £	*2019 £*
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	**1,077**	*1,727*

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2019 - £NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2019 - £NIL).
During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2019 - £NIL).

5. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2020	*2019*
	£	*£*
Wages and salaries	**55,586**	*56,180*

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2020	*2019*
	No.	*No.*
	3	*3*

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	**£**	**£**
Cost			
At 1 November 2019 and 31 October 2020	**2,028**	**5,988**	**8,016**
Depreciation			
At 1 November 2019	**953**	**1,677**	**2,630**
Charge for the year	**215**	**862**	**1,077**
At 31 October 2020	**1,168**	**2,539**	**3,707**
Net book value			
At 31 October 2020	**860**	**3,449**	**4,309**
At 31 October 2019	*1,075*	*4,311*	*5,386*

7. DEBTORS

	2020	*2019*
	£	*£*
Prepayments and accrued income	**683**	*570*

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other taxation and social security (see below)	686	998
Other creditors	1,087	266
Accruals and deferred income	380	380
	2,153	1,644

Other taxation and social security

	2020	2019
	£	£
PAYE/NI control	686	998

9. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 October 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
Reserves	**11,403**	**6,467**	**(198)**	**17,672**
Restricted Funds - The Big Lottery	**30,617**	**111,953**	**(79,046)**	**63,524**
Total of funds	**42,020**	**118,420**	**(79,244)**	**81,196**

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2018 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Balance at 31 October 2019 £*
General funds				
Reserves	*4,826*	*10,632*	*(4,055)*	*11,403*
Restricted Funds - The Big Lottery	*38,888*	*64,885*	*(73,156)*	*30,617*

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 October 2020 £
General funds	**11,403**	**6,467**	**(198)**	**17,672**
Restricted funds	**30,617**	**111,953**	**(79,046)**	**63,524**
	42,020	**118,420**	**(79,244)**	**81,196**

9. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 November 2018	*Income*	*Expenditure*	*Balance at 31 October 2019*
	£	*£*	*£*	*£*
General funds	*4,826*	*10,632*	*(4,055)*	*11,403*
Restricted funds	*38,888*	*64,885*	*(73,156)*	*30,617*
	43,714	*75,517*	*(77,211)*	*42,020*

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2020	**Restricted funds 2020**	**Total funds 2020**
	£	**£**	**£**
Tangible fixed assets	**4,309**	**-**	**4,309**
Current assets	**15,516**	**63,524**	**79,040**
Creditors due within one year	**(2,153)**	**-**	**(2,153)**
	17,672	**63,524**	**81,196**

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2019	*Restricted funds 2019*	*Total funds 2019*
	£	*£*	*£*
Tangible fixed assets	*5,386*	*-*	*5,386*
Current assets	*7,661*	*30,617*	*38,278*
Creditors due within one year	*(1,644)*	*-*	*(1,644)*
	11,403	*30,617*	*42,020*

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11. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2020 £	*2019 £*
Net income/(expenditure) for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**39,176**	*(1,694)*
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	**1,077**	*1,727*
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**(113)**	*74*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**509**	*(8,038)*
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**40,649**	*(7,931)*

12. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2020 £	*2019 £*
Cash in hand	**78,357**	*37,708*
Total	**78,357**	*37,708*

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There have been no related party transactions throughout the financial year.

14. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the year-end.

15. CONTROLLING PARTY

Those trustees listed on page one of the accounts control the company.