BULWELL FOREST GARDEN

England & Wales · Charity number 1160072

Details

Other names	BFG
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07900256
Registered	2015-01-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Bulwell Forest Garden Austin Street Nottingham NG6 9HE
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Activities

Objects: 1. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS IN HORTICULTURE AND HEALTHY EATING AND TRAINING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES.2. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF BULWELL AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: We have general volunteering opportunities 4 days a week, growing produce and ornamental flowers organically, and encouraging wildlife in a previously unused piece of land. We also benefit from an outdoor kitchen where we run a weekly Lunch Club during the summer, using seasonal produce straight from the ground.Adult training courses and Family Activity Days take place throughout the year.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Nottingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£193,374	£150,860	-	-
2024-01-31	£171,627	£130,350	-	-
2023-01-31	£131,348	£120,453	-	-
2022-01-31	£87,322	£89,382	-	-
2021-01-31	£94,085	£69,117	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Michael Jones		2023-06-21
Bill Gretton		2026-01-01
Jillian Hilary Burn		2017-03-20
Julie Clark		2020-09-01
Melkorka Stiller		2023-01-01
Nigel Page Mr		2025-07-01
Phoebe Elizabeth Jane Mills		2025-06-20

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Accounts

Company registration number: 7900256
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Bulwell Forest Garden

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 January 2025

Community Accounting Plus
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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Jill Burn Julie Clark Melkorka Stiller-Magnusdottir Andrew Jones Lauren Gibbons
Charity Registration Number	1160072
Company Registration Number	7900256
Registered Office	Mellish Sports Centre Kemmel Road Nottingham NG6 9FH
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Robert Watchorn (resigned 1 July 2024)
	Jill Burn
	Julie Clark
	David Roy Hames (resigned 1 July 2024)
	Maureen Whyman (resigned 1 July 2024)
	Melkorka Stiller-Magnusdottir
	Andrew Jones
	Sarita-Marie Rehman-Wall (resigned 1 July 2024)
	Lauren Gibbons

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 06/01/2012 - most recently amended 25/11/2014. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees must live or work in Bulwell or Bulwell Forest. Positions are advertised onsite and on social media/website, sometimes stating particular skills or background preferred to maintain diverse representation of local residents. New trustees must be recommended by an existing trustee and agreed in a committee meeting.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Company's objectives are specifically restricted to the following:
a) To advance education and training, and relieve unemployment for inhabitants of Bulwell;
b) To relieve poverty, promote health and provide recreation and leisure facilities in the interest of social welfare, in particular through the promotion of a horticulture project;
c) To sell locally sourced produce at a low cost to those accessing the project.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Activities we provide to achieve these outcomes include growing fruit and vegetables, cooking workshops and a weekly lunch club, seasonal events (e.g. Harvest Festival and Community Picnics), training workshops, environmental craft sessions, family activity days, outdoor pilates sessions, forest school, Let's Get Growing (outreach grow your own project), and a weekly market shop.

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Trustees' Report

Financial review

Policy on reserves

We target holding at last 4 months' reserves as a minimum. We currently hold around 10 months' reserves.

Achievements and performance

FOOD WE GROW

During the period, we supported 55 volunteers in meaningful activity, donated 508 free veg bags to our volunteers, provided 1071 veg bags at a low cost for the wider community, and shared 666 meals at Lunch Club using our harvested produce.

We taught 72 people how to grow their own food through our Lets Get Growing scheme, and 60 people through our Green Skills entry level courses, enabling people to have sustainable healthy food at a low cost.

ENVIRONMENT

We planted 7 new fruit trees in winter and continue to plant further hedging that attracts wildlife.

We have planted elder and hazel in the conservation areas of the woodland to improve the understory layer and have been thinning out any lower sycamore branches to allow more light to the lower canopy.

We have planted more native trees in the woodland where possible to allow for greater biodiversity (as many of our trees are non-native) and more native trees in other available unused ground - e.g. the scrubland at the top corner near new build is now home to some nicely developing oaks, wild cherry, horse chestnut and silver birch.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

We welcomed 243 children to our kid's clubs in term time, including our toddler group, Wildheart Forest School (6-11 years) and Saplings Eco Club (11-16 years). We also welcomed 1970 people to our family events in school holidays, with a mixture of gardening, physical activities and nature based crafts, ensuring each child received a hot healthy meal. Our annual Winter Wonderland event was stripped back this year due to funding restrictions. This meant we were unable to deliver KS1 school visits to the Winter Wonderland, but did run 2 weekend events for the community with decorated woodlands, a visit to Santa, crafts and carols.

SCHOOLS

We welcomed 31 class visits as part of our curriculum based Schools Programme and forged stronger relationships with Bulwell Academy. We are also proud to say that we have developed, and are piloting, an Inclusive Forest School at the request of the Local Authority, providing one morning a week respite from school for 27 children from 9 local primary schools with SEN needs or other barriers making time in the classroom difficult. The Local Authority are evaluating the impact this project is having on these children at BFG, in school and at home, with the hope to roll the delivery out over further years, and in other parts of the city, using Bulwell Forest Garden as a flagship model.

WELLBEING and THE ARTS

We have expanded on our Wellbeing programme, providing pilates and both chair based and mat based yoga on a weekly basis, which has collectively reached 55 regular attendees. We also designed Feel Good Fridays throughout March, welcoming back our regular visitors and inviting new people to come and find out what we do. 15 local people attended an Aromatherapy for Beginners course, with reference to plants grown onsite, going on the make products in a workshop leading up to Christmas.

Bulwell Art Festival events at BFG included Shakespeare Shorts, Ancient pigment painting and botanical watercolour workshops, reaching 65 people collectively.

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IMPACT
Throughout these activities at BFG, we have received:
39 reports of people feeling valued
314 reports of improved social connections
387 reports of improved well-being
1721 reports of improved diet in children visiting events
148 reports of people learning new skills
606 reports from parents of their children being more active

ECO GARDEN ROOMS
Following our crowdfunding campaign last year, and being named one of Barratt Homes' charity of the year, our 2 new Garden Rooms with solar powered heating and electrics are near completion, with an enormous amount of support from Barratt Homes, their partnering suppliers, and McCanns & Co. Already, our wellbeing groups and kids clubs have been able to access the space for warmer sessions in cold weather. We are now just waiting for our solar panels that will provide lighting, heating and some electric sockets. We have energy saving eco insulation, and will harvest rainwater and adopt a soakaway system for the unplumbed sink.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILIY
The Green Skills courses were delivered through a new contract with Community and Family Learning, and is directly funding our Horticultural Project Worker's post.
Our Inclusive Forest School is delivered through a contract with the Local Authority, and revenue from this funds some of our term time kids clubs.
Our birthday parties and Schools Programme directly funds our weekly lunch club.
All this activity provides greater financial sustainability and less reliance on grant funding.

For the building of our Eco Garden Rooms, we would like to pay thanks to:
Barratt Homes
SmartRoof
Tatylor Roofing
Ford Windows
West Point
McCanns and Co.
Terra Measurement
Eco Tech
Knights
Blok n Mesh
Scaffold Group
Moores
Bell Group
Smartlec
Hire Station
ISAN
British Gypsum
RSP Lincoln

We would also like to thank our community partners who worked to improve lives of people living in Bulwell:
Bestwood Partnership
Nottingham City Homes Housing Services
Places for People
Nicola Curzon - Local artist and coordinator of Bulwell Art Festival
Bulwell United Reformed Church Local primary schools and Bulwell Academy
One Vision Partnership
Bulwell and Top Valley Primary Care Network

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Public benefit

Improved community cohesion (reducing isolation and increasing engagement across age and cultural barriers); Improved health and well-being (increasing physical activity, healthier eating and developing self-confidence).

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Bulwell Forest Garden 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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 its 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 apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can 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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and

included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20/5/25. and signed on its behalf by:

Melkorka Stiller-Magnusdottir
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Bulwell Forest Garden ('the Company')

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bulwell Forest Garden ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also 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').

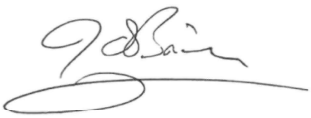
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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 confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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.



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John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date:11/06/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	2,151	-	2,151	29,794
Charitable activities	3	33,054	158,169	191,223	141,833
Total Income		35,205	158,169	193,374	171,627
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	(28,314)	(122,546)	(150,860)	(129,925)
Total Expenditure		(28,314)	(122,546)	(150,860)	(129,925)
Net income		6,891	35,623	42,514	41,702
Transfers between funds		41,658	(41,658)	-	-
Net movement in funds		48,549	(6,035)	42,514	41,702
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		55,389	72,861	128,250	86,548
Total funds carried forward	12	103,938	66,826	170,764	128,250

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	462	29,332	29,794
Charitable activities	3	16,926	124,907	141,833
Total income		17,388	154,239	171,627
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(17,286)	(112,639)	(129,925)
Total expenditure		(17,286)	(112,639)	(129,925)
Net income		102	41,600	41,702
Transfers between funds		(292)	292	-
Net movement in funds		(190)	41,892	41,702
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		56,004	30,544	86,548
Total funds carried forward	12	55,814	72,436	128,250

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 12.

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(Registration number: 7900256)
Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	45,462	7,704
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,827	1,081
Cash at bank and in hand	9	125,850	121,549
		127,677	122,630
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,375)	(2,084)
Net current assets		125,302	120,546
Net assets		170,764	128,250
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	12	66,826	72,861
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		103,938	55,389
Total funds	12	170,764	128,250

For the financial year ending 31 January 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 20 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 20/5/25 and signed on their behalf by:

Andrew Jones
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

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

Basis of preparation
Bulwell Forest Garden 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 notes.

Going concern
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
Under the exemption available to smaller charities the Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the financial statements.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Government grants
Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures & fittings	20% straight line
General equipment	10% straight line
Land & buildings	5% straight line

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors
Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those grants for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	2,151	2,151	1,335
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	-	-	10,349
Grants from other charities	-	-	3,000
Grants from companies	-	-	15,110
	2,151	2,151	29,794

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Contract	15,394	-	15,394	-
Grants & donations	-	158,169	158,169	124,907
Lunch club	885	-	885	1,264
Sundry receipts	258	-	258	1,018
Workshop & events	4,837	-	4,837	4,696
Produce income	2,588	-	2,588	1,914
Venue hire	9,092	-	9,092	8,034
	33,054	158,169	191,223	141,833

4 Grants & donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
National Lottery Community Fund	-	73,046	73,046
Barratt Developments plc	-	26,105	26,105
Nottingham City Council	-	15,402	15,402
The Garfield Weston Foundation	-	10,000	10,000
NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire ICB	-	1,220	1,220
Ken Wilkins	-	1,000	1,000
Sports England	-	9,680	9,680
Bestwood Partnership	-	9,870	9,870
Headlam	-	3,600	3,600
Groundwork UK	-	5,500	5,500
Co-op Local Community Fund	-	2,732	2,732
Sundry grants & donations	2,151	14	2,165
	2,151	158,169	160,320

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Communications & software	2,277	49	2,326	192
Cooking resources	1,676	1,514	3,190	3,840
Equipment	1,532	2,106	3,638	166
Horticulture & garden works	1,147	710	1,857	6,212
Insurance	-	425	425	417
Legal & professional	232	2,014	2,246	5,506
Maintenance	205	87	292	408
Materials & resources	306	1,413	1,719	1,642
Membership	219	-	219	-
Sundry	305	50	355	1,597
Purchases	-	-	-	1,381
Printing, postage & stationery	80	336	416	609
Salaries, NI & pensions	24	65,441	65,465	62,751
Sessional fees	16,091	33,971	50,062	42,290
Training	45	279	324	769
Travel	25	5	30	5
Utilities	-	143	143	323
Venue hire	250	-	250	-
Depreciation	3,900	-	3,900	1,817
Construction & building costs	-	14,003	14,003	-
	28,314	122,546	150,860	129,925

6 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	62,144	59,573
Pension costs	3,321	3,178
	65,465	62,751

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Monthly average number of persons employed	4	5

3 (2024 - 3) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £3,321 (2024 - £3,178).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £22,039 (2024 - £20,012).

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	General equipment £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 February 2024	-	2,999	12,176	15,175
Additions	41,658	-	-	41,658
At 31 January 2025	41,658	2,999	12,176	56,833
Depreciation				
At 1 February 2024	-	1,199	6,272	7,471
Charge for the year	2,083	600	1,217	3,900
At 31 January 2025	2,083	1,799	7,489	11,371
Net book value				
At 31 January 2025	39,575	1,200	4,687	45,462
At 31 January 2024	-	1,800	5,904	7,704

8 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	1,827	656
Prepayments	-	425
	1,827	1,081

9 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash on hand	66	55
Cash at bank	125,784	121,494
	125,850	121,549

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	279	60
Other taxation and social security	546	532
Other creditors	1,550	1,492
	2,375	2,084

11 Charity status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2025

The group fundraised £47,559 in YE 2024 and £26,120 in YE 2025 towards the Eco Rooms (as per the Trustee Annual Report): total £73,679. The Buildings were constructed in YE 2025 with an initial capital value of £41,658. Constructions costs were £13,644. Following a first year depreciation the buildings (fixed assets) value at YE is £39,575. A balance of £15,821 remains in the Eco Rooms fund at 31st January 2025.

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 February 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 January 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General (please read note 13)	55,389	35,205	(28,314)	41,658	103,938
Restricted funds					
CO-OP Local Community Fund	-	2,732	(2,732)	-	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	10,000	(4,099)	-	5,901
Let's Get Growing	1,569	5,000	(6,569)	-	-
Eco Garden Room	47,559	15	(2,555)	(38,265)	6,754
Grow, Cook & Play	240	4,800	(5,040)	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	16,170	73,045	(69,073)	-	20,142
Natural England	1,706	-	(1,646)	-	60
Bestwood Partnership	5,617	5,070	(10,687)	-	-
Barratt Homes	-	26,105	(13,645)	(3,393)	9,067
Inclusive Forest School	-	13,500	(2,359)	-	11,141
Public Health England	-	1,000	(279)	-	721
Sport England	-	9,680	(2,343)	-	7,337
US Girls	-	902	(299)	-	603
PCN	-	1,220	(1,220)	-	-
Kids Clubs	-	5,100	-	-	5,100
Total restricted funds	72,861	158,169	(122,546)	(41,658)	66,826
Total funds	128,250	193,374	(150,860)	-	170,764

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Let's Get Growing contributes toward sessional pay for an educational gardener and video production, and gardening resources.
Eco Garden Room contributes toward materials, labour, and professional fees related to the build as well as solar panels and water harvesting.
Barratt Homes contributes toward the building of our garden rooms.
Grow, Cook & Play contributes toward delivery and materials for family sessions in school holidays, plus food.
National Lottery Community Fund is restricted to salaries of Horticultural Manager, Operational Manager, Finance Officer, volunteer coordinator, CA plus costs, training and utilities.
Natural England is restricted to weekend wildlife project, yoga and adult green crafts between October and April.
Co-operative Local Community Fund contributes toward our Spalings Eco Club, Wildhearts Forest School and Music in Nature toddler group.
Garfield Weston contributes toward core costs, including operational administration.
Inclusive Forest School funds delivery of our Inclusive Forest School for children with complex needs and behavioural difficulties.
Public Health England contributes toward paying a support worker to work with our volunteers with complex needs.
Sports England contributes toward mat and chair based yoga sessions.
Us Girls contributes toward delivery of specialist Saplings Eco Club sessions.
PCN contributes toward paying a support worker to work with our volunteers with complex needs.
Bestwood Partnership funds contribute to a forest school & resources to provide family and adult craft, cooking and play sessions. Resources for the events, general garden needs & publicity.
Kids Clubs funds contribute to the running costs of a variety of Kids Clubs

The transfers from the Eco Garden Room and Barratt Homes funds to the General fund represents the net book value of fixed assets, the use of which is not subject to any restriction.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2025

	Balance at 1 February 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 January 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General (please read note 13)	56,004	17,388	(17,711)	(292)	55,389
Restricted					
Let's Get Growing	-	6,500	(4,931)	-	1,569
Eco Garden Room	-	47,559	-	-	47,559
NCVS	260	-	(260)	-	-
Grow, Cook & Play	-	6,450	(6,210)	-	240
National Lottery Community Fund	-	35,980	(19,810)	-	16,170
Natural England	-	4,999	(3,293)	-	1,706
Thomas Farr	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
NCC 23	-	655	(655)	-	-
NCH 21	193	-	(193)	-	-
J N Derbyshire	546	-	(546)	-	-
Boots 22	8,465	-	(8,465)	-	-
Bestwood Partnership	1,921	13,850	(10,154)	-	5,617
Community Fund	18,849	33,396	(52,537)	292	-
Green Space	-	1,600	(1,600)	-	-
NCH	310	250	(560)	-	-
Total restricted funds	30,544	154,239	(112,214)	292	72,861
Total funds	86,548	171,627	(129,925)	-	128,250

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted		2025
	General £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	45,462	-	45,462
Current assets	58,476	69,201	127,677
Current liabilities	-	(2,375)	(2,375)
Total net assets	103,938	66,826	170,764

	Unrestricted		
	General	Restricted	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	7,704	-	7,704
Current assets	47,685	74,945	122,630
Current liabilities	-	(2,084)	(2,084)
Total net assets	55,389	72,861	128,250

14 Fees payable to independent examiner

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination	995	820
Other financial services	743	690
	1,738	1,510

15 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

17 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

BULWELL FOREST GARDEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1160072

Accounts

Company registration number: 7900256

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Bulwell Forest Garden

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Robert Watchorn Jill Burn Julie Clarke David Roy Hames Maureen Whyman Melkorka Stiller-Magnusdottir Andrew Jones Sarita-Marie Rehman-Wall Lauren Gibbons
Charity Registration Number	1160072
Company Registration Number	7900256
Registered Office	Mellish Sports Centre Kemmel Road Nottingham NG6 9FH
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 January 2024.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Robert Watchorn
	Jill Burn
	Joy Rice (resigned 17 June 2023)
	Sharon Daley (resigned 16 March 2023)
	Katy Leather (resigned 16 March 2023)
	Julie Clarke
	David Roy Hames
	Maureen Whyman
	Melkorka Stiller-Magnusdottir
	Andrew Jones (appointed 21 June 2023)
	Sarita-Marie Rehman-Wall (appointed 8 January 2024)
	Lauren Gibbons (appointed 17 January 2024)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 06/01/2012 - most recently amended 25/11/2014. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees must live or work in Bulwell or Bulwell Forest. Positions are advertised onsite and on social media/website, sometimes stating particular skills or background preferred to maintain diverse representation of local residents. New trustees must be recommended by an existing trustee and agreed in a committee meeting.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Company's objectives are specifically restricted to the following:
a) To advance education and training, and relieve unemployment for inhabitants of Bulwell;
b) To relieve poverty, promote health and provide recreation and leisure facilities in the interest of social welfare, in particular through the promotion of a horticulture project;
c) To sell locally sourced produce at a low cost to those accessing the project.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Activities we provide to achieve these outcomes include growing fruit and vegetables, cooking workshops and a weekly lunch club, seasonal events (e.g. Harvest Festival and Community Picnics), training workshops, environmental craft sessions, family activity days, outdoor pilates sessions, forest school, Let's Get Growing (outreach grow your own project), and a weekly market shop.

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Trustees' Report

Financial review

Policy on reserves

Reserves shall be maintained at a level which ensures that Bulwell Forest Garden's core activities could continue for a minimum of three months during a period of difficulty. The financial policy is reviewed on an annual basis.

Achievements and performance

During the period, we supported 67 volunteers across the organsation, in food growing, conservation, event delivery and cooking.
Overall, we provided 379 veg bags to volunteers free of charge, and sold 536 veg bags to the wider community at an affordable price. Our produce is also used at our weekly Lunch Club, where we served 613 meals over the period.
We hosted 8 family events, welcoming 1,712 people, and 5 adult nature based workshops, welcoming 75 people.
We facilitated 38 school visits, supporting Eco topics and the national curriculum.
We also delivered 2 festivals - Outdoor Shakespeare, welcoming 200 people and our Winter Wonderland festival, welcoming over 1,000 people.

Throughout these activities at BFG, we have received:
121 reports of people feeling valued;
213 reports of improved social connections;
332 reports of improved well-being;
1,350 reports of improved diet in children visiting events;
554 reports of people learning new skills.

In response to the successes across all our projects, Bulwell Forest Garden launched a crowdfunding campaign in May 2023 to raise money for an eco-garden room, allowing us to deliver activities “whatever the weather”. We were very humbled to receive £23,599 in donations, far exceeding our target of £15,000, with £12000 being donated by members of our community, demonstrating the value of the community garden to local people. We received financial and practical support from Save Our Wild Isles during the crowdfunding campaign, as well as grant funding from Awards for All, bringing the total funds to £36,864. We are now receiving help from Barrett Homes, J McCann and Co and NCC sustainability team to design and build of the project, for which we are very grateful.

We have protected our reserves due to income from school visits, venue hire and produce sales, enabling us to independently fund our very popular Lunch Club and provide emergency funding if needed in the absence of future grant funding. Although we hope this not to be the case, we need to prepare for such eventualities, following funding cuts from Nottingham city council, and the growing demand on national grant providers such as the National Lottery and People's Health Trust.

We would like to thank Bestwood partnership, our local councillors, and NCC housing services for their ongoing support, as well as our friends at one vision partnership, our social prescribing team, and our local primary schools who we work closely with to ensure we respond to local needs.

Public benefit

Improved community cohesion (reducing isolation and increasing engagement across age and cultural barriers);
Improved health and well-being (increasing physical activity, healthier eating and developing self-confidence).

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Trustees' Report

Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Bulwell Forest Garden 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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 its 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 apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 16. APR. 24 and signed on its behalf by:

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David Roy Hames
Trustee

Bulwell Forest Garden

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Bulwell Forest Garden ('the Company')

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bulwell Forest Garden ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 January 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also 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').

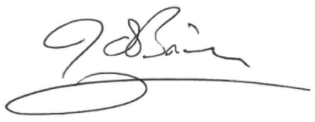
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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 confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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.



.....
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCCA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date: 22/04/2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	462	29,332	29,794	3,115
Charitable activities	3	16,926	124,907	141,833	128,233
Total Income		17,388	154,239	171,627	131,348
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	(17,711)	(112,639)	(130,350)	(120,453)
Total Expenditure		(17,711)	(112,639)	(130,350)	(120,453)
Net (expenditure)/income		(323)	41,600	41,277	10,895
Transfers between funds		(292)	292	-	-
Net movement in funds		(615)	41,892	41,277	10,895
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		56,004	30,544	86,548	75,653
Total funds carried forward	12	55,389	72,436	127,825	86,548

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	3,115	-	3,115
Charitable activities	3	18,150	110,083	128,233
Total income		21,265	110,083	131,348
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(2,835)	(117,618)	(120,453)
Total expenditure		(2,835)	(117,618)	(120,453)
Net income/(expenditure)		18,430	(7,535)	10,895
Transfers between funds		4,745	(4,745)	-
Net movement in funds		23,175	(12,280)	10,895
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		32,829	42,824	75,653
Total funds carried forward	12	56,004	30,544	86,548

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 12.

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(Registration number: 7900256)
Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	7,704	9,521
Current assets			
Debtors	8	656	60
Cash at bank and in hand	9	121,549	78,345
		122,205	78,405
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,084)	(1,378)
Net current assets		120,121	77,027
Net assets		127,825	86,548
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	12	72,436	30,544
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		55,389	56,004
Total funds	12	127,825	86,548

For the financial year ending 31 January 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 16/4/24 and signed on their behalf by:

J.H. Burn

Jill Burn
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

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

Basis of preparation
Bulwell Forest Garden 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 notes.

Going concern
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
Under the exemption available to smaller charities the Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the financial statements.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Government grants
Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:
Furniture 10% on a straight line basis.
Equipment 20% on a straight line basis.

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors
Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those grants for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	462	873	1,335	1,115
Grants, including capital grants;				
Government grants	-	10,349	10,349	-
Grants from other charities	-	3,000	3,000	-
Grants from companies	-	15,110	15,110	2,000
	462	29,332	29,794	3,115

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants & donations	-	124,907	124,907	109,723
Sundry receipts	1,018	-	1,018	1,261
Lunch club	1,264	-	1,264	2,086
Workshop & events	4,696	-	4,696	5,738
Produce income	1,914	-	1,914	3,446
Venue hire	8,034	-	8,034	5,979
	16,926	124,907	141,833	128,233

4 Grants & donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
National Lottery Community Fund	-	69,376	69,376
Bestwood Partnership	-	16,550	16,550
Awards for All	-	10,000	10,000
Groundwork UK	-	6,500	6,500
Nottingham City Homes	-	1,250	1,250
Nottingham City Council	-	655	655
Thomas Farr	-	3,000	3,000
Barratt Developments PLC	-	6,210	6,210
Miniclip UK	-	5,000	5,000
Natural England	-	4,999	4,999
Mansfield Building Society	-	1,000	1,000
Browne-Jacobson	-	800	800
Gift Aid	-	695	695
NCC - Housing Services	-	2,750	2,750
Innes England	-	500	500
Green Space	-	1,600	1,600
Individuals & sundry	462	23,354	23,816
	462	154,239	154,701

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Communications	192	-	192	-
Equipment	-	166	166	352
Horticulture & garden works	4,607	1,605	6,212	3,985
Insurance	-	842	842	-
Legal & professional	3,319	2,187	5,506	5,199
Maintenance	311	97	408	314
Materials & resources	32	1,610	1,642	1,664
Sundry	1,491	106	1,597	976
Purchases	112	1,269	1,381	74
Cooking resources	452	3,388	3,840	4,007
Printing & stationery	150	459	609	408
Membership	-	-	-	66
Sessional fees	4,415	37,875	42,290	38,258
Training	194	575	769	1,814
Travel	5	-	5	-
Utilities	131	192	323	249
Depreciation	1,817	-	1,817	1,817
Salaries, NI & pensions	483	62,268	62,751	61,270
	17,711	112,639	130,350	120,453

6 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	59,573	58,024
Pension costs	3,178	3,246
	62,751	61,270

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Monthly average number of persons employed	5	4

3 (2023 - 4) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £3,178 (2023 - £3,246).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £20,012 (2023 - £20,775).

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 February 2023	15,175	15,175
At 31 January 2024	15,175	15,175
Depreciation		
At 1 February 2023	5,654	5,654
Charge for the year	1,817	1,817
At 31 January 2024	7,471	7,471
Net book value		
At 31 January 2024	7,704	7,704
At 31 January 2023	9,521	9,521

8 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	656	60

9 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash on hand	55	13
Cash at bank	121,494	78,332
	121,549	78,345

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	60	-
Other taxation and social security	532	394
Other creditors	1,492	984
	2,084	1,378

11 Charity status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 February 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 January 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General	56,004	17,388	(17,711)	(292)	55,389
Restricted funds					
Let's Get Growing	-	6,500	(4,931)	-	1,569
Eco Garden Room	-	47,559	-	-	47,559
NCVS	260	-	(260)	-	-
Grow, Cook & Play	-	6,450	(6,210)	-	240
National Lottery Community Fund	-	35,980	(20,235)	-	15,745
Natural England	-	4,999	(3,293)	-	1,706
Thomas Farr	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
NCC 23	-	655	(655)	-	-
NCH 21	193	-	(193)	-	-
J N Derbyshire	546	-	(546)	-	-
Boots 22	8,465	-	(8,465)	-	-
Bestwood Partnership	1,921	13,850	(10,154)	-	5,617
Community Fund	18,849	33,396	(52,537)	292	-
Green Space	-	1,600	(1,600)	-	-
NCH	310	250	(560)	-	-
Total restricted funds	30,544	154,239	(112,639)	292	72,436
Total funds	86,548	171,627	(130,350)	-	127,825

Bulwell Forest Garden

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

	Balance at 1 February 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 January 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General	32,829	21,265	(2,835)	4,745	56,004
Restricted					
Sessions & activities	700	-	(700)	-	-
Sessional workers	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
Reaching Communities	8,421	-	-	(8,421)	-
Forest School & resources	973	1,125	(2,098)	-	-
NCC 20	49	-	(49)	-	-
NCC 21	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	3,117	-	(3,117)	-	-
Summer and Xmas events	559	-	(559)	-	-
Severn Trent	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
BPR Medical	-	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
NCC 22	-	1,500	(1,755)	255	-
NCVS	-	8,000	(7,740)	-	260
NCH 21	193	-	-	-	193
J N Derbyshire	1,990	-	(1,444)	-	546
Boots 22	-	9,936	(1,471)	-	8,465
Bestwood Partnership	4,124	11,820	(14,023)	-	1,921
Community Fund	18,018	67,152	(74,742)	8,421	18,849
Green Space	2,680	1,000	(3,680)	-	-
NCH	-	3,550	(3,240)	-	310
Total restricted funds	42,824	110,083	(117,618)	(4,745)	30,544
Total funds	75,653	131,348	(120,453)	-	86,548

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Let's Get Growing contributes toward sessional pay for an educational gardener and video production, and gardening resources.
Eco Garden Room contributes toward materials, labour, and professional fees related to the build as well as solar panels and water harvesting.
NCVS is used to pay a volunteer support worker.
Grow, Cook & Play contributes toward delivery and materials for family sessions in school holidays, plus food.
National Lottery Community Fund is restricted to salaries of Educational Gardener, Development Manager, Finance Officer, volunteer coordinator, CA plus costs, training and utilities
Natural England is restricted to weekend wildlife project, yoga and adult green crafts between October and April.
Thomas Farr contributes to volunteer gardening costs.
Nottingham City Council 23 contributes toward term time kids clubs including toddler group, Forest school and eco club.
Nottingham City Homes 21 is to be used to fund ongoing fee and resources costs.
J N Derbyshire is to be used to fund the lunch club workers and resources.
Boots 22 is to contribute towards the cost of salary for our new Data Administrator and to pay our Community Gardener for sessions.
Bestwood Partnership funds contribute to a lunch club, forest school & resources to provide family and adult craft, cooking and play sessions. Resources for the events, general garden needs & publicity.
Community fund is to contribute to salaries and fees as well as development funding.
Green Space is to contribute towards the cost of a volunteer worker.
Nottingham City Homes 22/23 contributes toward delivery and materials for family sessions in school holidays, plus food.

The transfer from the General fund to the Community fund is to cover the deficit on this activity.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted		
	General	**Restricted**	**2024 Total funds**
	£	**£**	**£**
Tangible fixed assets	7,704	-	7,704
Current assets	47,685	74,520	122,205
Current liabilities	-	(2,084)	(2,084)
Total net assets	55,389	72,436	127,825

	Unrestricted		
	General	**Restricted**	**2023 Total funds**
	£	**£**	**£**
Tangible fixed assets	9,521	-	9,521
Current assets	46,483	31,922	78,405
Current liabilities	-	(1,378)	(1,378)
Total net assets	56,004	30,544	86,548

14 Fees payable to independent examiner

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examination	820	795
Other financial services	690	618
	1,510	1,413

15 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

17 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

BULWELL FOREST GARDEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1160072

Accounts

Information required for your annual report

This is for Charities not subject to full Audit

This information is required in order for you to comply with reporting requirements under the Charities Act. Please write your responses exactly as you want them to appear in your accounts. Use your mouse or tab key to move from grey box to grey box to complete this form. Once completed, save it and email it back to us. This is your chance to tell people what you do. Feel free to write as much as you like and we will put this into the report and accounts.

Group's full name: Bulwell Forest Garden
Other names by which you are known: BFG. Bulwell Forest Community Garden
The main contact address for the organisation: 7,Clarges Street, Bulwell, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, NG6 9GJ
Your charity registration number: 1160072 And (if applicable) Your company registration number: 07900256

Names of all current trustees, (directors)

Name	Start date if not serving since the start of this accounting period **dd/mm/yy**	Office held (if applicable)
David Roy Hames	10/04/22	Chair
Jillian Hillary Burn		Secretary
Julie Clarke		Trustee
Sharon Daley		Trustee
Katy Emma Leather		Trustee
Joy Pauline Garside Rice		Trustee
Melkorka Stiller-Magnusdottir	10/01/23	Trustee
Robert Watchorn		Trustee
Maureen Whyman	28/06/22	Trustee

Names of other trustees, (directors) who have served during the period covered by the accounts but are not currently serving. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Name	Date of resignation/departure **dd/mm/yy**
Nigel Page	10/01/23
Karen Thompson	20/08/22
Bill Blackamore	10/04/22

The names, job titles and remuneration & benefits paid to your senior management staff
Barbara Bates, Development Manager, £19,878

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees (How are your trustees appointed?):
Trustees must live or work in Bulwell or Bulwell Forest. Positions are advertised on-site and in social media/website, sometimes stating particular skills or background preferred to maintain diverse representation of local residents. New trustees must be recommended by an existing trustee and agreed in a committee meeting.

Objectives and activities

What are the formal purposes (objectives) of your charity, as set out in your governing document?
To advance education and training, and relieve unemployment for inhabitants of Bulwell
To relieve poverty, promote health and provide recreation and leisure facilities in the interest of social welfare, in particular through the promotion of a horticulture project.
To sell locally sourced produce at a low cost to those accessing the project.

What are your main activities? (the things you do in order to achieve the objectives)
Activities we provide to achieve these outcomes include:
- growing fruit and vegetables
- cooking workshops
- a weekly lunch club
- seasonal events (eg Harvest Festival and Community Picnics)
- training workshops,
- environmental craft sessions
- family activity days
- outdoor pilates sessions
- forest school
- Lets Get Growing (outreach grow your own project)
- a weekly market shop.

How do these activities benefit the public?
Improved community cohesion (reducing isolation and increasing engagement across age and cultural barriers)
Improved Health and well-being (increasing physical activity, healthier eating and developing self-confidence).

Please confirm that you have considered the charity Commission's guidance on 'public benefit'. Click here for a link to this guidance.
I can confirm that I have read and considered the above.

Summary of the main achievements during the period
What did you actually do? (You could add some statistics if you like, and give more detail of your

activities):

Through 2022, Bulwell Forest Garden has continued to support our community through the aftermath of COVID-19. We have supported 65 volunteers in their roles, with people volunteering with us for longer periods, benefiting from improved social connections and wellbeing.

We delivered 12 community events throughout the year, including a special 10 year anniversary garden party and our school holiday family sessions, welcoming 2175 visitors.

87 people accessing the community garden reported feeling valued, 87 people reported feeling less lonely, 288 people reported improved well-being, 215 people felt more active, 277 people told us their diet had improved and 181 people learned new skills.

Together we have grown more produce, sharing 328 amounts of fruit and veg with our volunteers, and 432 amounts of fruit and veg with the wider community for a small cost. Our Let's Get Growing project continued to support local residents in growing their own food at home, reaching 85 households.

We saw unprecedented number of attendees at Lunch Club (70 people at the peak of summer), many of whom were families with toddlers, reflecting the demand for social eating from “lockdown babies” and their parents, serving 967 meals over the year.

We continue to work closely with local schools, delivering a winter wonderland project in December for all local primary schools, including an interactive theatre production, a visit to Santa and nature based activities. We also continue to deliver our Schools Programme to schools throughout Nottingham, as well as welcoming our usual visits from Cubs, Guides and Scouts.

Our Wildhearts Forest School (6-11 years) and Saplings (10-15 years) continue to be incredibly popular, and we have 43 regular attendees across both clubs.
Nature in Mind continue to use our space for yoga and tai chi, and we hosted their Christmas celebration too.

Financial review

Please comment on your financial position at the end of the reporting period (You might for example, refer to the surplus or deficit you’ve made, or the movement in the fund balances. Are you happy? – the choice is yours.)

BFG is fortunate to have received several grants this year, all of which are going to plan, some will carry over into 2023. We have also completed several grants from previous years. At present we are in a good financial position.

What is your policy on reserves? (Your policy should include: why you need reserves, the target level, your current position, your plans to increase or use your reserves and how often you review this policy. If you do not need reserves you should explain the reason.)

With the help of a development grant from the National Lottery Community Fund, we are aiming to be more financially sustainable in the future. Our reserves of unrestricted funds have increased

again this year, with these we hope to rely less on grants, although we'll still require some funding to function at the same level in the future.
Reserves shall be maintained at a level which ensures that Bulwell Forest Garden's core activities could continue for a minimum of three months during a period of difficulty.
The financial policy is reviewed on an annual basis.

What financial risks do you face?
There is always a chance that funding from grants will decrease, but we are working with our strategic business plan thanks to the lottery grant to reduce our risks and become more self sustainable. If we were unable to secure future funding we would have difficulties giving support to our more vulnerable volunteers and services to the community.

If any of your funds are in deficit, what are you planning to do about it?
No funds are in deficit. We follow the individual budget for each grant.

Detailed information if you hold funds for 3rd parties (other groups or individuals): names and their main objects, a description of the assets held, opening balances/ in/ out/ closing balances
N/A

Funds

If your accounts include any <u>designated</u> or <u>restricted</u> funds, the notes to the accounts need to include a short explanation of the purpose and of each fund.
For example:
Name of fund: "*The vehicle replacement fund*"
Purpose: "*To build up sufficient funds to replace vehicles on a 5 year schedule*"

For each fund you hold, please give the details:
National Lottery Community Fund. 2nd of a 2 year grant for revenue costs, a development fund and resources.
NCVS. Outreach project (let's get growing) resources and paid workers.
Severn Trent. Workshop and paid worker.
BPR Medical. Purchase of ride on mower and storage container.
Boots 22. Salary and paid workers.
Bestwood Partnership 22. Pay for workers running forest school, young persons group and many events.
Greenspace. Outreach project (let's get growing) paid workers.
Nottingham City Council 22. Events and training.
Nottingham City Homes 22. Many events and paid workers.
Several old funds from previous years were completed.

Additional information

This is a chance to add any other information to your report.

For example: if you give grants, what is your policy? Do you want to say anything about your

funders or supporters?

BFG relies on grants and donations and we are very grateful for the donations we have received yet again this year from the local community and individuals.

Company registration number: 7900256

Charity registration number: 1160072

Bulwell Forest Garden

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 January 2023

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Bulwell Forest Garden

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Bulwell Forest Garden

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Robert Watchorn Jill Burn Joy Rice Sharon Daley Katy Leather Julie Clarke David Roy Hames Maureen Whyman Melkorka Stiller-Magnusdottir
Charity Registration Number	1160072
Company Registration Number	7900256
Registered Office	7 Clarges Street Bulwell Nottingham Nottinghamshire NG6 9GJ
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

Bulwell Forest Garden

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 January 2023.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Robert Watchorn
	Karen Thompson (resigned 20 August 2022)
	Nigel Page (resigned 10 January 2023)
	Jill Burn
	Bill Blackamore (resigned 10 April 2022)
	Joy Rice
	Sharon Daley
	Katy Leather
	Julie Clarke
	David Roy Hames (appointed 10 April 2022)
	Maureen Whyman (appointed 28 June 2022)
	Melkorka Stiller-Magnusdottir (appointed 10 January 2023)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 6/1/2012. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

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Objects and aims

The Company's objectives are specifically restricted to the following:
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c) To sell locally sourced produce at a low cost to those accessing the project.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Activities we provide to achieve these outcomes include growing fruit and vegetables, cooking workshops and a weekly lunch club, seasonal events (e.g. Harvest Festival and Community Picnics), training workshops, environmental craft sessions, family activity days, outdoor pilates sessions, forest school, Let's Get Growing (outreach grow your own project), and a weekly market shop.

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Public benefit

Improved community cohesion (reducing isolation and increasing engagement across age and cultural barriers); Improved health and well-being (increasing physical activity, healthier eating and developing self-confidence).

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Trustees' Report

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Bulwell Forest Garden 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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 its 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 apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on ...14 APR 22... and signed on its behalf by:

.....
David Roy Hames
Trustee

Bulwell Forest Garden

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Bulwell Forest Garden ('the Company')

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bulwell Forest Garden ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 January 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also 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').

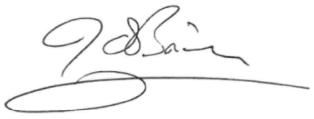
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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 confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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.



.....
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCCA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date: 17/04/2023

Bulwell Forest Garden

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	3,115	-	3,115	2,331
Charitable activities	3	18,150	110,083	128,233	84,991
Total Income		21,265	110,083	131,348	87,322
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	(2,835)	(117,618)	(120,453)	(89,382)
Total Expenditure		(2,835)	(117,618)	(120,453)	(89,382)
Net income/(expenditure)		18,430	(7,535)	10,895	(2,060)
Transfers between funds		4,745	(4,745)	-	-
Net movement in funds		23,175	(12,280)	10,895	(2,060)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		32,829	42,824	75,653	77,713
Total funds carried forward	12	56,004	30,544	86,548	75,653

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	2,331	-	2,331
Charitable activities	3	5,400	79,591	84,991
Total income		7,731	79,591	87,322
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(1,737)	(87,645)	(89,382)
Total expenditure		(1,737)	(87,645)	(89,382)
Net income/(expenditure)		5,994	(8,054)	(2,060)
Transfers between funds		(2)	2	-
Net movement in funds		5,992	(8,052)	(2,060)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		26,837	50,876	77,713
Total funds carried forward	12	32,829	42,824	75,653

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 12.

Bulwell Forest Garden

(Registration number: 7900256)
Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	9,521	6,338
Current assets			
Debtors	8	60	4
Cash at bank and in hand	9	78,345	73,176
		78,405	73,180
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,378)	(3,865)
Net current assets		77,027	69,315
Net assets		86,548	75,653
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	12	30,544	42,824
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		56,004	32,829
Total funds	12	86,548	75,653

For the financial year ending 31 January 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 14/4/23 and signed on their behalf by:

J H Burn

Jill Burn
Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2023

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

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

Basis of preparation
Bulwell Forest Garden 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 notes.

Going concern
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:
Furniture 10% on a straight line basis.
Equipment 20% on a straight line basis.

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those grants for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	2,000	2,000	2,331
Donations from individuals	1,115	1,115	-
	3,115	3,115	2,331

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants & donations	-	109,723	109,723	79,567
Lunch club	2,086	-	2,086	791
Sundry receipts	901	360	1,261	28
Produce income	3,446	-	3,446	2,405
Workshop & events	5,738	-	5,738	1,315
Venue hire	5,979	-	5,979	885
	18,150	110,083	128,233	84,991

4 Grants & donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
National Lottery Community Fund	-	66,792	66,792
Bestwood Partnership	-	12,945	12,945
Boots Charitable Trust	-	9,936	9,936
NCVS	-	8,000	8,000
BPR Medical Ltd	-	5,000	5,000
Nottingham City Homes	-	3,550	3,550
Nottingham City Council	-	1,500	1,500
Severn Trent	-	1,000	1,000
Green Space	-	1,000	1,000
John Lewis	1,000	-	1,000
Arnold Clarke	1,000	-	1,000
Sundry	1,115	-	1,115
	3,115	109,723	112,838

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Communications	-	-	-	144
Equipment	2	350	352	-
Horticulture & garden works	97	3,888	3,985	4,316
Insurance	-	-	-	291
Legal & professional	-	5,199	5,199	5,262
Maintenance	148	166	314	248
Materials & resources	-	1,664	1,664	879
Sundry	431	545	976	226
Purchases	-	74	74	-
Printing & stationery	-	408	408	1,139
Cooking resources	143	3,864	4,007	2,780
Membership	-	66	66	-
Sessional fees	-	38,258	38,258	34,690
Training	197	1,617	1,814	140
Travel	-	-	-	14
Utilities	-	249	249	263
Depreciation	1,817	-	1,817	1,018
Salaries, NI & pensions	-	61,270	61,270	37,972
	2,835	117,618	120,453	89,382

6 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	58,024	35,250
Pension costs	3,246	2,722
	61,270	37,972

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Monthly average number of persons employed	4	3

4 (2022 - 3) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £3,246 (2022 - £2,149).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £20,775 (2022 - £17,577).

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 February 2022	10,175	10,175
Additions	5,000	5,000
At 31 January 2023	15,175	15,175
Depreciation		
At 1 February 2022	3,837	3,837
Charge for the year	1,817	1,817
At 31 January 2023	5,654	5,654
Net book value		
At 31 January 2023	9,521	9,521
At 31 January 2022	6,338	6,338

8 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	60	-
Other debtors	-	4
	60	4

9 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash on hand	13	19
Cash at bank	78,332	73,157
	78,345	73,176

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	-	2,640
Other taxation and social security	394	271
Other creditors	984	954
	1,378	3,865

11 Charity status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 February 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 January 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General	32,829	21,265	(2,835)	4,745	56,004
Restricted funds					
Sessions & activities	700	-	(700)	-	-
Sessional workers	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
Reaching Communities	8,421	-	-	(8,421)	-
Forest School & resources	973	1,125	(2,098)	-	-
NCC 20	49	-	(49)	-	-
NCC 21	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	3,117	-	(3,117)	-	-
J N Derbyshire	1,990	-	(1,444)	-	546
Summer and Xmas events	559	-	(559)	-	-
NCH 21	193	-	-	-	193
Bestwood Partnership	4,124	11,820	(14,023)	-	1,921
Community Fund	18,018	67,152	(74,742)	8,421	18,849
Green Space	2,680	1,000	(3,680)	-	-
NCVS	-	8,000	(7,740)	-	260
Severn Trent	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
BPR Medical	-	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
NCC 22	-	1,500	(1,755)	255	-
Boots 22	-	9,936	(1,471)	-	8,465
NCH 22	-	3,550	(3,240)	-	310
Total restricted funds	42,824	110,083	(117,618)	(4,745)	30,544
Total funds	75,653	131,348	(120,453)	-	86,548

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2023

	Balance at 1 February 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 January 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General	26,837	7,731	(1,737)	(2)	32,829
Restricted					
Sessions & activities	700	-	-	-	700
Awards For All	2,751	-	(2,751)	-	-
Sessional workers	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Reaching Communities	22,937	13,369	(27,885)	-	8,421
Forest School & resources	1,536	3,375	(3,938)	-	973
NCC 20	300	-	(251)	-	49
NCC 21	2,800	350	(2,150)	-	1,000
NET	5,299	-	(5,299)	-	-
Defra	1,613	-	(1,613)	-	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	5,000	-	(1,883)	-	3,117
J N Derbyshire	3,000	-	(1,010)	-	1,990
Comic Relief 20	2,000	2,000	(4,000)	-	-
Pay & resources	1,940	-	(1,942)	2	-
Summer and Xmas events	-	1,600	(1,041)	-	559
NCH 21	-	1,250	(1,057)	-	193
Bestwood Partnership	-	5,850	(1,726)	-	4,124
Community Fund	-	48,397	(30,379)	-	18,018
Green Space	-	3,400	(720)	-	2,680
Total restricted funds	50,876	79,591	(87,645)	2	42,824
Total funds	77,713	87,322	(89,382)	-	75,653

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Reaching Communities is to contribute towards the cost of 3 part time employees, financial support, capital cost towards garden, especially paying for sessional staff. An additional 2 year grant was recieved to contribute towards the Lunch club, volunteer co-ordinator, database and mobility accessibility.
Nottingham City Council is a contribution to resources.
Sessional workers contributes to the sessional workers costs.
Bestwood Partnership funds contribute to a lunch club, forest school & resources to provide family and adult craft, cooking and play sessions. Resources for the events, general garden needs & publicity.
Events, resources & equipment is to be used to fund events, some of which had been postponed.
Nottingham City Council 20 is to be used to fund resources and a storage container.
Nottingham City Council 21 is to be used to fund consultancy fees for funding applications.
Nottingham City Homes 21 is to be used to fund ongoing fee and resources costs.
Nottingham City Council 22 is to contribute towards the cost of paid workers and resources for 2 events and a forest school workshop.
Nottingham City Homes 22 is to contribute towards the cost of paid workers and resources for events through out the year.
Garfield Weston Foundation is to contribute toward core funding.
J N Derbyshire is to be used to fund the lunch club workers and resources.
NCVS is to contribute towards the cost of paid workers and resources for our 'Let's get growing' outreach project.
Severn Trent is to contribute towards the cost of paid workers and resources for a Womery Workshop.
BPR Medical is for the purchase of a ride on mower and storage container for it.
Boots 22 is to contribute towards the cost of salary for our new Data Administrator and to pay our Community Gardener for sessions.
Community fund is to contribute to salaries and fees as well as development funding.
Green Space is to contribute towards the cost of a volunteer worker.

The transfer from the BPR Medical fund to the General fund represents the net book value of fixed assets, the use of which is not subject to any restriction.
The transfer from the Reaching Communities fund to the Community fund reflects the grouping of funds based on like restrictions on the use of these funds.
The transfer from the General fund to the NCC 22 fund is to cover the deficit on this activity.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted		2023
	General	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	9,521	-	9,521
Current assets	46,483	31,922	78,405
Current liabilities	-	(1,378)	(1,378)
Total net assets	56,004	30,544	86,548

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2023

	Unrestricted		2022
	General	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	6,338	-	6,338
Current assets	26,491	46,689	73,180
Current liabilities	-	(3,865)	(3,865)
Total net assets	32,829	42,824	75,653

14 Fees payable to independent examiner

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent examination	795	795
Other financial services	618	456
	1,413	1,251

15 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

17 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Bulwell Forest Garden ('the Company')

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bulwell Forest Garden ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 January 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also 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').

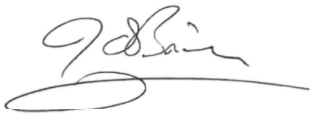
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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 confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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.



.....
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCCA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date: 17/04/2023

BULWELL FOREST GARDEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1160072

Accounts

Information required for your annual report

This is for Charities not subject to full Audit

This information is required in order for you to comply with reporting requirements under the Charities Act. Please write your responses exactly as you want them to appear in your accounts. Use your mouse or tab key to move from grey box to grey box to complete this form. Once completed, save it and email it back to us. This is your chance to tell people what you do. Feel free to write as much as you like and we will put this into the report and accounts.

Group's full name: Bulwell Forest Garden
Other names by which you are known: BFG. Bulwell Forest Community Garden
The main contact address for the organisation: C/O 42 The Spinney, Bestwood Village, Nottingham NG6 8TG
Your charity registration number: 1160072 And (if applicable) Your company registration number: 07900256

Names of all current trustees, (directors)

Name	Start date if not serving since the start of this accounting period **dd/mm/yy**	Office held (if applicable)
Karen Thompson		Chair
Jill Burn		Secretary
Joy Rice		Trustee
Nigel Page		Trustee
Sharon Daley		Trustee
Katy Leather		Trustee
Julie Clarke		Trustee
Robert Watchorn		Trustee
Bill Blackamore		Trustee

Names of other trustees, (directors) who have served during the period covered by the accounts but are not currently serving. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Name	Date of resignation/departure **dd/mm/yy**

The names, job titles and remuneration & benefits paid to your senior management staff Barbara Bates, Part time Development Manager £19,704

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees
(How are your trustees appointed?):
Trustees must live or work in Bulwell or Bulwell Forest. Positions are advertised on-site and in
social media/website, sometimes stating particular skills or background preferred to maintain
diverse representation of local residents. New trustees must be recommended by an existing
trustee and agreed in a committee meeting.

Objectives and activities

What are the formal purposes (objectives) of your charity, as set out in your governing document?
a) To advance education and training, and relieve unemployment for inhabitants of Bulwell
b) To relieve poverty, promote health and provide recreation and leisure facilities in the interest of
social welfare, in particular through the promotion of a horticulture project.
c) To sell locally sourced produce at a low cost to those accessing the project.

What are your main activities? (the things you do in order to achieve the objectives)
Activities we provide to achieve these outcomes include growing fruit and vegetables, cooking workshops and a weekly lunch club, seasonal events (eg Harvest Festival and Community Picnics), training workshops, environmental craft sessions, family activity days, outdoor yoga sessions, forest school, men in sheds, Let's Get Growing (outreach grow your own project), and a weekly market shop. From 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2022, there were 5703 engagements by members of the community with the Garden.

How do these activities benefit the public?
Improved community cohesion (reducing isolation and increasing engagement across age and
cultural barriers) Improved Health and well-being (increasing physical activity, healthier eating and
developing self-confidence).

Please confirm that you have considered the charity Commission's guidance on 'public benefit'.
Click here for a link to this guidance.
I can confirm that I have read and considered the above.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

What did you actually do? (You could add some statistics if you like, and give more detail of your activities):

Despite being unable to deliver Lunch Club and Forest School throughout February and March, and being unable to deliver school holiday sessions until August because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we still engaged with 5703 local people throughout the year. This was by large thanks to connecting with local households through our Let's Get Growing outreach project and our weekly on site market stall, selling plants and produce at an affordable price. Our volunteers continue to be the backbone of the project, and we are truly blessed to have so many committed people who work hard in many different ways to ensure the project runs smoothly, from gardening and land management to cooking, event planning and delivery.

We have supported 60 volunteers in their roles, with 67 reports of feeling valued, 50 reports of feeling less lonely, 201 reports of feeling happier, 548 reports of feeling more active, 490 reports of improved diet and 135 reports of learning new skills.

We have provided 287 donations of fruit and vegetables to our volunteers, 1147 sales of fruit and vegetables to the community and served 803 meals at Lunch Club. We have provided activities and food to 1303 people during school holidays for families and 520 grow your own packs with accompanying video tutorial to Let's Get Growing members.

We have strengthened our partnership with local schools, welcoming 4 primary schools for activity days, as well as our usual visits from Cubs, Guides and Scouts. Nature in Mind continue to use our space for yoga, tai chi and Lunch Club visits with their members

Financial review

Please comment on your financial position at the end of the reporting period (You might for example, refer to the surplus or deficit you've made, or the movement in the fund balances. Are you happy? – the choice is yours.)

BFG completed 2 Lottery Reaching Communities grants this year, there was a total underspend of £7,432 which was carried over to a new 2 year grant from the Lottery Community Fund. BFG relies on grants and donations to function, but with the help of a £15,000 grant added to the Community Fund we are looking into how we can develop into becoming more sustainable. BFG has several other grants which are all going to plan. We are in a comfortable position at present but are always planning for the future.

What is your policy on reserves? (Your policy should include: why you need reserves, the target level, your current position, your plans to increase or use your

reserves and how often you review this policy. If you do not need reserves you should explain the reason.)
BFG operates within a robust income and project expenditure framework.
Reserves shall be maintained at a level which ensures that Bulwell Forest Garden's core activity
could continue for a minimum of three months during a period of difficulty. This year we have
improved yet again to maintain this level and the group is pleased with this progress.
The financial policy is reviewed on an annual basis.

What financial risks do you face?
There is always a chance that funding from grants will decrease, but we are working on a
strategic business plan thanks to the lottery grant to reduce our risks and become more self sustainable. If we were unable to secure future funding we would have difficulties giving support to our more vulnerable volunteers and services to the community.

If any of your funds are in deficit, what are you planning to do about it?
No funds are in deficit. We follow the individual budget for each grant.

Detailed information if you hold funds for 3rd parties (other groups or individuals): names and their main objects, a description of the assets held, opening balances/ in/ out/ closing balances
N/A

Funds

If your accounts include any <u>designated</u> or <u>restricted</u> funds, the notes to the accounts need to include a short explanation of the purpose and of each fund.
For example:
Name of fund: "*The vehicle replacement fund*"
Purpose: "*To build up sufficient funds to replace vehicles on a 5 year schedule*"

For each fund you hold, please give the details:
2 Lottery reaching communities grants were completed this year and the underspend of £7,432 was transferred to a new Lottery Community Fund. This new grant is over 2 years and is for salaries and fees, it also includes a £15,000 development fund.

Awards for All 19 completed, fees and garden works.
Bestwood Partnership ongoing, forest school fees and resources.
Bestwood Partnership Events completed, fees and resources for summer and Xmas events.
Bestwood partnership 21 ongoing, lunch club fees and resources.
Boots 2020 completed, fees for garden workers.
Comic relief 20 completed, fees for events, garden work and resources.
Defra completed, food preparation, donation and delivery
Garfield Weston ongoing, core funding.

Green Space new grant, fees for volunteer support worker.
JN Derbyshire ongoing, fees and resources for let’s get growing videos and workshops
NCC 20 completed, fees and resources.
NCC 21 completed, fees and resources.
NCH 21 ongoing, fees and resources.
NET completed, fees for workshops and garden work.
2 small grants have yet again been carried over from 2020 for events cancelled due to covid.

Additional information

This is a chance to add any other information to your report.

For example: if you give grants, what is your policy? Do you want to say anything about your funders or supporters?

BFG relies on grants and donations and we are very grateful for the donations we have received this year from the local community and individuals.

Company registration number: 7900256

Charity registration number: 1160072

Bulwell Forest Garden

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 January 2022

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Bulwell Forest Garden

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Bulwell Forest Garden

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Robert Watchorn Karen Thompson Nigel Page Jill Burn Bill Blackamore Joy Rice Sharon Daley Katy Leather Julie Clarke
Charity Registration Number	1160072
Company Registration Number	7900256
Registered Office	Cantrell Primary School Cantrell Road Bulwell Nottingham NG6 9HJ
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

Bulwell Forest Garden

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 January 2022.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Robert Watchorn
	Karen Thompson
	Nigel Page
	Jill Burn
	Bill Blackamore
	Joy Rice
	Sharon Daley
	Katy Leather
	Julie Clarke

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 6/1/2012. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees must live or work in Bulwell or Bulwell Forest. Positions are advertised onsite and on social media/website, sometimes stating particular skills or background preferred to maintain diverse representation of local residents. New trustees must be recommended by an existing trustee and agreed in a committee meeting.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Company's objectives are specifically restricted to the following:
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b) To relieve poverty, promote health and provide recreation and leisure facilities in the interest of social welfare, in particular through the promotion of a horticulture project;
c) To sell locally sourced produce at a low cost to those accessing the project.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Activities we provide to achieve these outcomes include growing fruit and vegetables, cooking workshops and a weekly lunch club, seasonal events (e.g. Harvest Festival and Community Picnics), training workshops, environmental craft sessions, family activity days, outdoor yoga sessions, forest school, men in sheds, Let's Get Growing (outreach grow your own project), and a weekly market shop. From 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2022, there were 5,703 engagements by members of the community with the Garden.

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Financial review

Policy on reserves

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This year we have improved yet again to maintain this level and the group is pleased with this progress. The financial policy is reviewed on an annual basis.

Achievements and performance

Despite being unable to deliver Lunch Club and Forest School throughout February and March, and being unable to deliver school holiday sessions until August because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we still engaged with 5,703 local people throughout the year. This was by large thanks to connecting with local households through our Let's Get Growing outreach project and our weekly on site market stall, selling plants and produce at an affordable price. Our volunteers continue to be the backbone of the project, and we are truly blessed to have so many committed people who work hard in many different ways to ensure the project runs smoothly, from gardening and land management to cooking, event planning and delivery.

We have supported 60 volunteers in their roles, with 67 reports of feeling valued, 50 reports of feeling less lonely, 201 reports of feeling happier, 548 reports of feeling more active, 490 reports of improved diet and 135 reports of learning new skills.

We have provided 287 donations of fruit and vegetables to our volunteers, 1,147 sales of fruit and vegetables to the community and served 803 meals at Lunch Club. We have provided activities and food to 1,303 people during school holidays for families and 520 grow your own packs with accompanying video tutorial to Let's Get Growing members.

We have strengthened our partnership with local schools, welcoming 4 primary schools for activity days, as well as our usual visits from Cubs, Guides and Scouts. Nature in Mind continue to use our space for yoga, tai chi and Lunch Club visits with their members.

Public benefit

Improved community cohesion (reducing isolation and increasing engagement across age and cultural barriers);
Improved health and well-being (increasing physical activity, healthier eating and developing self-confidence).

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Bulwell Forest Garden for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations. The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Bulwell Forest Garden

Trustees' Report

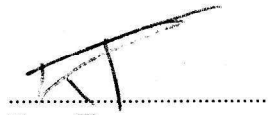
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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.

Small companies provision statement
This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 31.03.22 and signed on its behalf by:



Karen Thompson
Trustee

Bulwell Forest Garden

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Bulwell Forest Garden

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bulwell Forest Garden ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 January 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report
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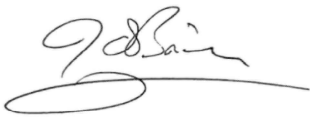
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Date: 01/04/2022

Bulwell Forest Garden

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2022 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	2,331	-	2,331	1,431
Charitable activities	3	5,400	79,591	84,991	92,654
Total Income		7,731	79,591	87,322	94,085
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	(1,737)	(87,645)	(89,382)	(69,117)
Total Expenditure		(1,737)	(87,645)	(89,382)	(69,117)
Net income/(expenditure)		5,994	(8,054)	(2,060)	24,968
Transfers between funds		(2)	2	-	-
Net movement in funds		5,992	(8,052)	(2,060)	24,968
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		26,837	50,876	77,713	52,745
Total funds carried forward	12	32,829	42,824	75,653	77,713

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	1,431	-	1,431
Charitable activities	3	4,099	88,555	92,654
Total income		5,530	88,555	94,085
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(1,557)	(67,560)	(69,117)
Total expenditure		(1,557)	(67,560)	(69,117)
Net income		3,973	20,995	24,968
Transfers between funds		4,586	(4,586)	-
Net movement in funds		8,559	16,409	24,968
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		18,278	34,467	52,745
Total funds carried forward	12	26,837	50,876	77,713

The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 12.

Bulwell Forest Garden

(Registration number: 7900256)
Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	6,338	7,356
Current assets			
Debtors	8	4	-
Cash at bank and in hand	9	73,176	74,630
		73,180	74,630
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,865)	(4,273)
Net current assets		69,315	70,357
Net assets		75,653	77,713
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	12	42,824	50,876
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		32,829	26,837
Total funds	12	75,653	77,713

For the financial year ending 31 January 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 31.03.22. and signed on their behalf by:

J.H. Burn

Jill Burn
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

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

Basis of preparation
Bulwell Forest Garden 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 notes.

Going concern
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:
Furniture & equipment 10% on a straight line basis.

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those grants for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	2,331	2,331	1,431
	2,331	2,331	1,431

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Grants & donations	-	79,567	79,567	88,555
Lunch club	791	-	791	135
Sundry receipts	4	24	28	259
Produce income	2,405	-	2,405	3,291
Workshop & events	1,315	-	1,315	214
Venue hire	885	-	885	200
	5,400	79,591	84,991	92,654

4 Grants & donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
National Lottery Community Fund	-	48,397	48,397
National Lottery Reaching Communities	-	13,345	13,345
Bestwood Partnership	-	10,825	10,825
Green Space	-	3,400	3,400
Groundwork UK	-	2,000	2,000
Nottingham City Homes	-	1,250	1,250
Nottingham City Council	-	350	350
Sundry	2,331	-	2,331
	2,331	79,567	81,898

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Communications	-	144	144	-
Equipment	-	-	-	5
Horticulture & garden works	24	4,292	4,316	4,169
Insurance	-	291	291	241
Legal & professional	-	5,262	5,262	2,270
Maintenance	67	181	248	482
Materials & resources	6	873	879	164
Sundry	174	52	226	188
Printing & stationery	116	1,023	1,139	878
Cooking resources	79	2,701	2,780	903
Sessional fees	243	34,447	34,690	30,672
Training	-	140	140	250
Travel	10	4	14	4
Pensions	-	2,722	2,722	1,984
Utilities	-	263	263	202
Depreciation	1,018	-	1,018	1,018
Salaries & NI	-	35,250	35,250	25,687
	1,737	87,645	89,382	69,117

6 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	35,250	25,687
Pension costs	2,722	1,984
	37,972	27,671

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2022 No	2021 No
Monthly average number of persons employed	3	3

3 (2021 - 3) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £2,149 (2021 - £1,984).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 February 2021	10,175	10,175
At 31 January 2022	10,175	10,175
Depreciation		
At 1 February 2021	2,819	2,819
Charge for the year	1,018	1,018
At 31 January 2022	3,837	3,837
Net book value		
At 31 January 2022	6,338	6,338
At 31 January 2021	7,356	7,356

8 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	4	-

9 Cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash on hand	19	9
Cash at bank	73,157	74,621
	73,176	74,630

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	2,640	3,280
Other taxation and social security	271	39
Other creditors	954	954
	3,865	4,273

11 Charity status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 February 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 January 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General	26,837	7,731	(1,737)	(2)	32,829
Restricted funds					
Sessions & activities	700	-	-	-	700
Awards For All	2,751	-	(2,751)	-	-
Sessional workers	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Reaching Communities	22,937	13,369	(27,885)	-	8,421
Forest School & resources	1,536	3,375	(3,938)	-	973
NCC 20	300	-	(251)	-	49
NCC 21	2,800	350	(2,150)	-	1,000
NET	5,299	-	(5,299)	-	-
Defra	1,613	-	(1,613)	-	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	5,000	-	(1,883)	-	3,117
J N Derbyshire	3,000	-	(1,010)	-	1,990
Comic Relief 20	2,000	2,000	(4,000)	-	-
Pay & resources	1,940	-	(1,942)	2	-
Summer and Xmas events	-	1,600	(1,041)	-	559
NCH 21	-	1,250	(1,057)	-	193
Lunch Club	-	5,850	(1,726)	-	4,124
Community Fund	-	48,397	(30,379)	-	18,018
Green Space	-	3,400	(720)	-	2,680
Total restricted funds	50,876	79,591	(87,645)	2	42,824
Total funds	77,713	87,322	(89,382)	-	75,653

Bulwell Forest Garden

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2022

	Balance at 1 February 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 January 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General	18,278	5,530	(1,557)	4,586	26,837
Restricted					
Sessions & activities	2,607	700	(2,607)	-	700
Awards For All	9,392	-	(4,735)	(1,906)	2,751
Sessional workers	625	1,000	(625)	-	1,000
Reaching Communities	20,754	44,463	(40,988)	(1,292)	22,937
NCC	12	-	(12)	-	-
Forest School & resources	1,077	5,625	(5,166)	-	1,536
NCC 20	-	2,170	(482)	(1,388)	300
NCC 21	-	2,800	-	-	2,800
NCH 20	-	222	(222)	-	-
NET	-	8,000	(2,701)	-	5,299
Defra	-	3,225	(1,612)	-	1,613
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
J N Derbyshire	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Comic Relief 20	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
Pay & resources	-	10,350	(8,410)	-	1,940
Total restricted funds	34,467	88,555	(67,560)	(4,586)	50,876
Total funds	52,745	94,085	(69,117)	-	77,713

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Reaching Communities the 5th year of a 5 year restricted fund which provides revenue costs for 3 part time employees, financial support, capital cost towards garden, especially paying for sessional staff. An additional 2 year grant was recieved to contribute towards the Lunch club, volunteer co-ordinator, database and mobility accessibility.
Nottingham City Council is a contribution to resources.
Awards For All is to be used to pay for a storage container, gazebo and sessional worker.
Sessional workers contributes to the sessional workers costs.
Bestwood Partnership funds contribute to a lunch club, forest school & resources to provide family and adult craft, cooking and play sessions. Resources for the events, general garden needs & publicity.
Events, resources & equipment is to be used to fund events, some of which have been postponed.
Nottingham City Council 20 is to be used to fund resources and a storage container.
Nottingham City Council 21 is to be used to fund consultancy fees for funding applications.
Nottingham City Homes 21 is to be used to fund ongoing fee and resources costs.
National Emergencies Trust (NET) Coronavirus appeal is to be used to fund resources and salaries for the Lets Get Growing outreach programme to the community.
DEFRA Emergency Assistance grant is used to provide a festive meal to vulnerable people and meals for children during school holidays.
Garfield Weston Foundation is to contribute toward core funding.
J N Derbyshire is to be used to fund the lunch club workers and resources.
Comic Relief 20 is to be used to fund resources for events and staff.
Community fund is to contribute to salaries and fees as well as development funding.
Green Space is to contribute towards the cost of a volunteer worker.
Pay & resources is to be used to fund salaries and resources.

The transfer from the General fund to the Pay & resources fund is to cover the deficit on this activity.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted		2022
	General	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	6,338	-	6,338
Current assets	26,491	46,689	73,180
Current liabilities	-	(3,865)	(3,865)
Total net assets	32,829	42,824	75,653

	Unrestricted		2021
	General	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	7,356	-	7,356
Current assets	20,000	54,630	74,630
Current liabilities	-	(4,273)	(4,273)
Total net assets	27,356	50,357	77,713

14 Fees payable to independent examiner

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent examination	795	795
Other financial services	456	439
	1,251	1,234

15 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

17 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

Bulwell Forest Garden

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Bulwell Forest Garden

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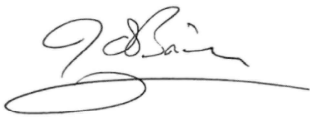
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Date: 01/04/2022

BULWELL FOREST GARDEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1160072

Accounts

Information required for your annual report

This is for Charities not subject to full Audit

This information is required in order for you to comply with reporting requirements under the Charities Act. Please write your responses exactly as you want them to appear in your accounts. Use your mouse or tab key to move from grey box to grey box to complete this form. Once completed, save it and email it back to us. This is your chance to tell people what you do. Feel free to write as much as you like and we will put this into the report and accounts.

Group's full name: Bulwell Forest Garden
Other names by which you are known: BFG. Bulwell Forest Community Garden
The main contact address for the organisation: C/O 42 The Spinney, Bestwood Village, Nottingham NG6 8TG
Your charity registration number: 1160072 And (if applicable) Your company registration number: 07900256

Names of all current trustees, (directors)

Name	Start date if not serving since the start of this accounting period **dd/mm/yy**	Office held (if applicable)
Karen Thompson		Chair
Jill Burn		Secretary
Bill Blackamore		Trustee
Joy Rice		Trustee
Nigel Page		Trustee
Sharon Daley		Trustee
Katy Leather		Trustee
Julie Clarke	01/09/2020	Trustee
Robert Watchorn		Trustee

Names of other trustees, (directors) who have served during the period covered by the accounts but are not currently serving. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Name	Date of resignation/departure **dd/mm/yy**
Hannah Margaret Walker	01/09/2020

The names, job titles and remuneration & benefits paid to your senior management staff Barbara Bates, Part time Development Worker £17,126

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees
(How are your trustees appointed?):
Trustees must live or work in Bulwell or Bulwell Forest. Positions are advertised on-site and in
social media/website, sometimes stating particular skills or background preferred to maintain
diverse representation of local residents. New trustees must be recommended by an existing
trustee and agreed in a committee meeting.

Objectives and activities

What are the formal purposes (objectives) of your charity, as set out in your governing document?
a) To advance education and training, and relieve unemployment for inhabitants of Bulwell
b) To relieve poverty, promote health and provide recreation and leisure facilities in the interest of
social welfare, in particular through the promotion of a horticulture project.
c) To sell locally sourced produce at a low cost to those accessing the project.

What are your main activities? (the things you do in order to achieve the objectives)
Activities we provide to achieve these outcomes include growing fruit and vegetables, cooking workshops and a weekly lunch club, seasonal events (eg Harvest Festival and Community Picnics), training workshops, environmental craft sessions, family activity days, outdoor yoga sessions, forest school, men in sheds, Let's Get Growing (outreach grow your own project), weekly market shop. In January 2020 to January 2021, there were 1100 engagements by members of the community with the Garden. This was considerably lower than normal due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

How do these activities benefit the public?
Improved community cohesion (reducing isolation and increasing engagement across age and
cultural barriers) Improved Health and well-being (increasing physical activity, healthier eating and
developing self-confidence).

Please confirm that you have considered the charity Commission's guidance on 'public benefit'.
Click here for a link to this guidance.
I can confirm that I have read and considered the above.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

What did you actually do? (You could add some statistics if you like, and give more detail of your activities):

2020 has been such a difficult year for all charities, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the hard work and creativity of our staff and volunteers, we have been able to adapt the service and continue to connect with our community.

Our volunteers continue to be the backbone of the project, and we are truly blessed to have so many committed people who work hard in many different ways to ensure the project runs smoothly, from gardening and land management to event planning and delivery.

During the pandemic, we operated with a skeleton team of volunteers, continuing to grow produce that we distributed in the local community, on people's doorsteps during Lockdown and then at a low cost weekly Market Shop, at the Garden, from June to October, providing 155 veg bags. We continued to deliver Forest School (15 children attending 18 sessions), Men in Sheds (6 people attending 18 sessions) and Lunch Club (15 people by invitation attending 8 sessions) between September to December in a smaller, safe way, providing valuable physical, social and emotional support to local children and older people, at risk of isolation. We delivered 200 donations of seedlings and veg plants to local people during Lockdown and as a result of it's popularity, adapted our service, developing an outreach grow your own project, called Let's Get Growing that provides a fortnightly bag of gardening resources and a video tutorial by our Educational Gardener, reaching 50 local households.

Financial review

Please comment on your financial position at the end of the reporting period

(You might for example, refer to the surplus or deficit you've made, or the movement in the fund balances. Are you happy? – the choice is yours.)

BFG relies on grants and donations. We are very grateful for the donations we have received this year from the local community and individuals. We are in a comfortable position and have been able to expand due to the grants we have received this year. We are always planning ahead and approaching other funders as the Garden could not function without them. Our 5 year year grant from Reaching Communities was due to end 4/5/21 and we have received an extension until August, giving us time to reapply and source other opportunities.

What is your policy on reserves? (Your policy should include: why you need reserves, the target level, your current position, your plans to increase or use your reserves and how often you review this policy. If you do not need reserves you should explain the reason.)

Bulwell Forest Garden operates within a robust income and project expenditure framework.

Reserves shall be maintained at a level which ensures that Bulwell Forest Garden's core activity

could continue for a minimum of three months during a period of difficulty. This year we have
improved yet again to maintain this level and the group is pleased with this progress. The financial policy is reviewed on an annual basis.

What financial risks do you face?
There is always a chance that funding from grants will decrease, but we are working on a strategic business plan thanks to the lottery grant to reduce our risks. If we were unable to secure
future funding we would have difficulties giving support to our more vulnerable volunteers and
services to the community.

If any of your funds are in deficit, what are you planning to do about it?
No funds are in deficit. We follow the individual budget for each grant.

Detailed information if you hold funds for 3rd parties (other groups or individuals): names and their main objects, a description of the assets held, opening balances/ in/ out/ closing balances
N/A

Funds

If your accounts include any designated or restricted funds, the notes to the accounts need to include a short explanation of the purpose and of each fund.
For example:
Name of fund: "*The vehicle replacement fund*"
Purpose: "*To build up sufficient funds to replace vehicles on a 5 year schedule*"

For each fund you hold, please give the details:
Big Lottery Reaching Communities: 5th of a 5 year restricted fund which provides revenue costs
for 3 part time employees, financial support, capital costs towards garden, cooking resources and
overheads.
Awards for All: grant for new storage container, gazebos and sessional worker pay. Continued
2021.
Reaching Communities 2 (RC2): 2nd of a 2 year grant for Lunch club costs, volunteer coordinator,
database and accessibility costs.
Bulwell Arts Festival 2020 (BAF20): One day event postponed due to Covid and carried forward to 2021.
Tesco 19: Provide payment for sessional workers. Completed
Bestwood Partnership: grant over 2 years for forest school sessions and resources. Delayed due to Covid and carried forward to 2021.
John Lewis 19 completed.
Nottigham City Homes 20: Resources for events. Completed.
Nottingham City Council 20: Resources and storage container. Completed.
Notts Together food festival 20: postponed due to covid and carried forward to 2021.

Boots 20: Grant for salaries and resources. Carried forward to 2021.
Robin Hood: Salaries and resources. Completed.
Garfield WesternFoundation: core funding, continued.
Comic Relief 20: Resources for events and staff, continued.
J N Derbyshire: Lunch club workers and resources, continued.
Nottingham City Council 21: Consultancy fees for funding applications, continued.
Nottingham City Homes 21: Forest school sessions, continued.
National Emergencies Trust (NET) Coronovirus appeal: Resources and salaries for the Lets get Growing outreach programme to the community, continued.
DEFRA Emergency Assistance grant: To provide a festive meal to vulnerable people and meals for children during school holidays, continued.

Additional information

This is a chance to add any other information to your report.

For example: if you give grants, what is your policy? Do you want to say anything about your funders or supporters?

We would like to thank all our funders for their flexibility through a challenging year, having faith in our service delivery and good practice, which has enabled us to adapt and pilot new projects through local consultations. We would particularly like to thank Nottingham City Council and Nottingham City Homes for their ongoing support.

Company registration number: 7900256

Charity registration number: 1160072

Bulwell Forest Garden

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 January 2021

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Bulwell Forest Garden

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Robert Watchorn Karen Thompson Nigel Page Jill Burn Bill Blackamore Joy Rice Sharon Daley Katy Leather Julie Clarke
Registered Office	Cantrell Primary School Cantrell Road Bulwell Nottingham NG6 9HJ
Company Registration Number	7900256
Charity Registration Number	1160072
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

Bulwell Forest Garden

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 January 2021.

Trustees

Robert Watchorn

Karen Thompson

Nigel Page

Jill Burn

Bill Blackamore

Joy Rice

Hannah Walker (resigned 1 September 2020)

Sharon Daley

Katy Leather

Patrick Caine (resigned 1 March 2020)

Julie Clarke (appointed 1 September 2020)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 6/1/2012. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees must live or work in Bulwell or Bulwell Forest. Positions are advertised onsite and on social media/website, sometimes stating particular skills or background preferred to maintain diverse representation of local residents. New trustees must be recommended by an existing trustee and agreed in a committee meeting.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Company's objectives are specifically restricted to the following:
a) To advance education and training, and relieve unemployment for inhabitants of Bulwell;
b) To relieve poverty, promote health and provide recreation and leisure facilities in the interest of social welfare, in particular through the promotion of a horticulture project;
c) To sell locally sourced produce at a low cost to those accessing the project.

Activities we provide to achieve these outcomes include growing fruit and vegetables, cooking workshops and a weekly lunch club, seasonal events (eg Harvest Festival and Community Picnics), training workshops, environmental craft sessions, family activity days, outdoor yoga sessions, forest school, men in sheds, Let's Get Growing (outreach grow your own project) and a weekly market shop. In January 2020 to January 2021, there were 1,100 engagements by members of the community with the Garden. This was considerably lower than normal due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Trustees' Report

Objectives, strategies and activities

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Our volunteers continue to be the backbone of the project, and we are truly blessed to have so many committed people who work hard in many different ways to ensure the project runs smoothly, from gardening and land management to event planning and delivery.
During the pandemic, we operated with a skeleton team of volunteers, continuing to grow produce that we distributed in the local community, on people's doorsteps during Lockdown and then at a low cost weekly Market Shop, at the Garden, from June to October, providing 155 veg bags. We continued to deliver Forest School (15 children attending 18 sessions), Men in Sheds (6 people attending 18 sessions) and Lunch Club (15 people by invitation attending 8 sessions) between September to December in a smaller, safe way, providing valuable physical, social and emotional support to local children and older people, at risk of isolation. We delivered 200 donations of seedlings and veg plants to local people during Lockdown and as a result of its popularity, adapted our service, developing an outreach grow your own project called Let's Get Growing that provides a fortnightly bag of gardening resources and a video tutorial by our Educational Gardener, reaching 50 local households.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

Bulwell Forest Garden operates within a robust income and project expenditure framework.
Reserves shall be maintained at a level which ensures that Bulwell Forest Gardens core activity could continue for a minimum of two months during a period of difficulty. This year we have improved yet again to maintain this level and the group is pleased with this progress.
The financial policy is to be reviewed on an annual basis.

Public benefit

Improved community cohesion (reducing isolation and increasing engagement across age and cultural barriers);
Improved health and well-being (increasing physical activity, healthier eating and developing self-confidence).

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Bulwell Forest Garden for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

Trustees' Report

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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.

Bulwell Forest Garden

Trustees' Report

Small companies provision statement
This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 3-4-21 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Karen Thompson
Trustee

Bulwell Forest Garden

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Bulwell Forest Garden

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bulwell Forest Garden ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 January 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the company (and also 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').

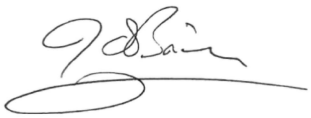
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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 confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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.



.....
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date: 06/04/2021

Bulwell Forest Garden

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2021 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	1,431	-	1,431	2,250
Charitable activities	3	4,099	88,555	92,654	91,275
Total Income		5,530	88,555	94,085	93,525
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	(1,557)	(67,560)	(69,117)	(65,473)
Total Expenditure		(1,557)	(67,560)	(69,117)	(65,473)
Net income		3,973	20,995	24,968	28,052
Transfers between funds		4,586	(4,586)	-	-
Net movement in funds		8,559	16,409	24,968	28,052
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		18,278	34,467	52,745	24,693
Total funds carried forward	14	26,837	50,876	77,713	52,745

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	2,250	-	2,250
Charitable activities	3	5,730	85,545	91,275
Total income		7,980	85,545	93,525
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(2,267)	(63,206)	(65,473)
Total expenditure		(2,267)	(63,206)	(65,473)
Net income		5,713	22,339	28,052
Net movement in funds		5,713	22,339	28,052
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		12,565	12,128	24,693
Total funds carried forward	14	18,278	34,467	52,745

The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 14.

Bulwell Forest Garden

(Registration number: 7900256)
Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	7,356	2,703
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	11	74,630	51,051
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(4,273)	(1,009)
Net current assets		70,357	50,042
Net assets		77,713	52,745
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	14	50,876	34,467
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		26,837	18,278
Total funds	14	77,713	52,745

For the financial year ending 31 January 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 3/4/21 and signed on their behalf by:

J.H. Burn

Jill Burn
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
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). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Bulwell Forest Garden 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 notes.

Going concern
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:
Furniture & equipment 10% on a straight line basis.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors
Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those grants for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	1,431	1,431	2,250
	1,431	1,431	2,250

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Grants & donations	-	88,555	88,555	85,545
Fees	-	-	-	530
Lunch club	135	-	135	984
Sundry receipts	259	-	259	128
Produce income	3,291	-	3,291	1,602
Workshop & events	214	-	214	2,486
Venue hire	200	-	200	-
	4,099	88,555	92,654	91,275

4 Grants & donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Reaching Communities	-	44,463	44,463
Nottingham City Council	-	10,317	10,317
Bestwood Partnership	-	5,625	5,625
Sundry	1,431	-	1,431
Bulwell Arts Festival	-	700	700
Groundwork UK	-	2,000	2,000
National Emergencies Trust	-	8,000	8,000
J N Derbyshire	-	3,000	3,000
Boots Charitable Trust	-	9,450	9,450
	1,431	83,555	84,986

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Equipment	-	5	5	-
Horticulture & garden works	365	3,804	4,169	5,899
Insurance	-	241	241	241
Legal & professional	13	2,257	2,270	1,716
Maintenance	271	211	482	285
Materials & resources	9	155	164	2,117
Sundry	188	-	188	36
Printing & stationery	159	719	878	984
Cooking resources	84	819	903	-
Sessional fees	-	30,672	30,672	26,670
Training	-	250	250	236
Travel	4	-	4	16
Pensions	-	1,984	1,984	1,878
Utilities	14	188	202	159
Depreciation	450	568	1,018	450
Salaries	-	25,687	25,687	24,786
	1,557	67,560	69,117	65,473

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Fees payable to independent examiner

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examination	795	795
Other financial services	439	384
	1,234	1,179

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	25,687	24,786
Pension costs	1,984	1,878
	27,671	26,664

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2021 No	2020 No
Monthly average number of persons employed	3	3

3 (2020 - 3) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £1,984 (2020 - £1,878).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 February 2020	4,504	4,504
Additions	5,671	5,671
At 31 January 2021	10,175	10,175
Depreciation		
At 1 February 2020	1,801	1,801
Charge for the year	1,018	1,018
At 31 January 2021	2,819	2,819
Net book value		
At 31 January 2021	7,356	7,356
At 31 January 2020	2,703	2,703

11 Cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash on hand	9	16
Cash at bank	74,621	51,035
	74,630	51,051

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	3,280	-
Other taxation and social security	39	55
Other creditors	954	954
	4,273	1,009

13 Charity status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 February 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 January 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General	18,278	5,530	(1,557)	4,586	26,837
Restricted funds					
Sessions & activities	2,607	700	(2,607)	-	700
Awards For All	9,392	-	(4,735)	(1,906)	2,751
Sessional workers	625	1,000	(625)	-	1,000
Reaching Communities	20,754	44,463	(40,988)	(1,292)	22,937
NCC	12	-	(12)	-	-
Forest School & resources	1,077	5,625	(5,166)	-	1,536
NCC 20	-	2,170	(482)	(1,388)	300
NCC 21	-	2,800	-	-	2,800
NCH 20	-	222	(222)	-	-
NET	-	8,000	(2,701)	-	5,299
Defra	-	3,225	(1,612)	-	1,613
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
J N Derbyshire	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Comic Relief 20	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
Pay & resources	-	10,350	(8,410)	-	1,940
Total restricted funds	34,467	88,555	(67,560)	(4,586)	50,876
Total funds	52,745	94,085	(69,117)	-	77,713

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2021

	Balance at 1 February 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 January 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General	12,565	7,980	(2,267)	18,278
Restricted funds				
Sessions & activities	-	9,100	(6,493)	2,607
Food Day	900	-	(900)	-
Awards For All	-	9,392	-	9,392
Sessional workers	-	1,000	(375)	625
Reaching Communities	6,172	57,310	(42,728)	20,754
Winter Workers	2,068	-	(2,068)	-
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Current assets	15,575	35,476	51,051
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Total net assets	18,278	34,467	52,745

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

Company registration number: 7900256

Charity registration number: 1160072

Bulwell Forest Garden

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 January 2021

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Bulwell Forest Garden

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Robert Watchorn Karen Thompson Nigel Page Jill Burn Bill Blackamore Joy Rice Sharon Daley Katy Leather Julie Clarke
Registered Office	Cantrell Primary School Cantrell Road Bulwell Nottingham NG6 9HJ
Company Registration Number	7900256
Charity Registration Number	1160072
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

Bulwell Forest Garden

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 January 2021.

Trustees

Robert Watchorn

Karen Thompson

Nigel Page

Jill Burn

Bill Blackamore

Joy Rice

Hannah Walker (resigned 1 September 2020)

Sharon Daley

Katy Leather

Patrick Caine (resigned 1 March 2020)

Julie Clarke (appointed 1 September 2020)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 6/1/2012. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees must live or work in Bulwell or Bulwell Forest. Positions are advertised onsite and on social media/website, sometimes stating particular skills or background preferred to maintain diverse representation of local residents. New trustees must be recommended by an existing trustee and agreed in a committee meeting.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Company's objectives are specifically restricted to the following:
a) To advance education and training, and relieve unemployment for inhabitants of Bulwell;
b) To relieve poverty, promote health and provide recreation and leisure facilities in the interest of social welfare, in particular through the promotion of a horticulture project;
c) To sell locally sourced produce at a low cost to those accessing the project.

Activities we provide to achieve these outcomes include growing fruit and vegetables, cooking workshops and a weekly lunch club, seasonal events (eg Harvest Festival and Community Picnics), training workshops, environmental craft sessions, family activity days, outdoor yoga sessions, forest school, men in sheds, Let's Get Growing (outreach grow your own project) and a weekly market shop. In January 2020 to January 2021, there were 1,100 engagements by members of the community with the Garden. This was considerably lower than normal due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Objectives, strategies and activities

2020 has been such a difficult year for all charities, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the hard work and creativity of our staff and volunteers, we have been able to adapt the service and continue to connect with our community.
Our volunteers continue to be the backbone of the project, and we are truly blessed to have so many committed people who work hard in many different ways to ensure the project runs smoothly, from gardening and land management to event planning and delivery.
During the pandemic, we operated with a skeleton team of volunteers, continuing to grow produce that we distributed in the local community, on people's doorsteps during Lockdown and then at a low cost weekly Market Shop, at the Garden, from June to October, providing 155 veg bags. We continued to deliver Forest School (15 children attending 18 sessions), Men in Sheds (6 people attending 18 sessions) and Lunch Club (15 people by invitation attending 8 sessions) between September to December in a smaller, safe way, providing valuable physical, social and emotional support to local children and older people, at risk of isolation. We delivered 200 donations of seedlings and veg plants to local people during Lockdown and as a result of its popularity, adapted our service, developing an outreach grow your own project called Let's Get Growing that provides a fortnightly bag of gardening resources and a video tutorial by our Educational Gardener, reaching 50 local households.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

Bulwell Forest Garden operates within a robust income and project expenditure framework.
Reserves shall be maintained at a level which ensures that Bulwell Forest Gardens core activity could continue for a minimum of two months during a period of difficulty. This year we have improved yet again to maintain this level and the group is pleased with this progress.
The financial policy is to be reviewed on an annual basis.

Public benefit

Improved community cohesion (reducing isolation and increasing engagement across age and cultural barriers);
Improved health and well-being (increasing physical activity, healthier eating and developing self-confidence).

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Bulwell Forest Garden for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

Trustees' Report

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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.

Bulwell Forest Garden

Trustees' Report

Small companies provision statement
This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 3-4-21 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Karen Thompson
Trustee

Bulwell Forest Garden

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Bulwell Forest Garden

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bulwell Forest Garden ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 January 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the company (and also 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').

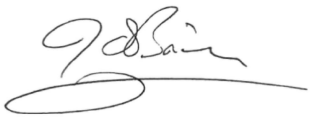
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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 confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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.



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John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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Date: 06/04/2021

Bulwell Forest Garden

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2021 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	1,431	-	1,431	2,250
Charitable activities	3	4,099	88,555	92,654	91,275
Total Income		5,530	88,555	94,085	93,525
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	(1,557)	(67,560)	(69,117)	(65,473)
Total Expenditure		(1,557)	(67,560)	(69,117)	(65,473)
Net income		3,973	20,995	24,968	28,052
Transfers between funds		4,586	(4,586)	-	-
Net movement in funds		8,559	16,409	24,968	28,052
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		18,278	34,467	52,745	24,693
Total funds carried forward	14	26,837	50,876	77,713	52,745

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	2,250	-	2,250
Charitable activities	3	5,730	85,545	91,275
Total income		7,980	85,545	93,525
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(2,267)	(63,206)	(65,473)
Total expenditure		(2,267)	(63,206)	(65,473)
Net income		5,713	22,339	28,052
Net movement in funds		5,713	22,339	28,052
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		12,565	12,128	24,693
Total funds carried forward	14	18,278	34,467	52,745

The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 14.

Bulwell Forest Garden

(Registration number: 7900256)
Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	7,356	2,703
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	11	74,630	51,051
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(4,273)	(1,009)
Net current assets		70,357	50,042
Net assets		77,713	52,745
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	14	50,876	34,467
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		26,837	18,278
Total funds	14	77,713	52,745

For the financial year ending 31 January 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 18 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 3/4/21 and signed on their behalf by:

J.H. Burn

Jill Burn
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
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). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Bulwell Forest Garden 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 notes.

Going concern
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:
Furniture & equipment 10% on a straight line basis.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors
Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those grants for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	1,431	1,431	2,250
	1,431	1,431	2,250

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Grants & donations	-	88,555	88,555	85,545
Fees	-	-	-	530
Lunch club	135	-	135	984
Sundry receipts	259	-	259	128
Produce income	3,291	-	3,291	1,602
Workshop & events	214	-	214	2,486
Venue hire	200	-	200	-
	4,099	88,555	92,654	91,275

4 Grants & donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Reaching Communities	-	44,463	44,463
Nottingham City Council	-	10,317	10,317
Bestwood Partnership	-	5,625	5,625
Sundry	1,431	-	1,431
Bulwell Arts Festival	-	700	700
Groundwork UK	-	2,000	2,000
National Emergencies Trust	-	8,000	8,000
J N Derbyshire	-	3,000	3,000
Boots Charitable Trust	-	9,450	9,450
	1,431	83,555	84,986

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Equipment	-	5	5	-
Horticulture & garden works	365	3,804	4,169	5,899
Insurance	-	241	241	241
Legal & professional	13	2,257	2,270	1,716
Maintenance	271	211	482	285
Materials & resources	9	155	164	2,117
Sundry	188	-	188	36
Printing & stationery	159	719	878	984
Cooking resources	84	819	903	-
Sessional fees	-	30,672	30,672	26,670
Training	-	250	250	236
Travel	4	-	4	16
Pensions	-	1,984	1,984	1,878
Utilities	14	188	202	159
Depreciation	450	568	1,018	450
Salaries	-	25,687	25,687	24,786
	1,557	67,560	69,117	65,473

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Fees payable to independent examiner

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examination	795	795
Other financial services	439	384
	1,234	1,179

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	25,687	24,786
Pension costs	1,984	1,878
	27,671	26,664

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2021 No	2020 No
Monthly average number of persons employed	3	3

3 (2020 - 3) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £1,984 (2020 - £1,878).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 February 2020	4,504	4,504
Additions	5,671	5,671
At 31 January 2021	10,175	10,175
Depreciation		
At 1 February 2020	1,801	1,801
Charge for the year	1,018	1,018
At 31 January 2021	2,819	2,819
Net book value		
At 31 January 2021	7,356	7,356
At 31 January 2020	2,703	2,703

11 Cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash on hand	9	16
Cash at bank	74,621	51,035
	74,630	51,051

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	3,280	-
Other taxation and social security	39	55
Other creditors	954	954
	4,273	1,009

13 Charity status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 February 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 January 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
General	18,278	5,530	(1,557)	4,586	26,837
Restricted funds					
Sessions & activities	2,607	700	(2,607)	-	700
Awards For All	9,392	-	(4,735)	(1,906)	2,751
Sessional workers	625	1,000	(625)	-	1,000
Reaching Communities	20,754	44,463	(40,988)	(1,292)	22,937
NCC	12	-	(12)	-	-
Forest School & resources	1,077	5,625	(5,166)	-	1,536
NCC 20	-	2,170	(482)	(1,388)	300
NCC 21	-	2,800	-	-	2,800
NCH 20	-	222	(222)	-	-
NET	-	8,000	(2,701)	-	5,299
Defra	-	3,225	(1,612)	-	1,613
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
J N Derbyshire	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Comic Relief 20	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
Pay & resources	-	10,350	(8,410)	-	1,940
Total restricted funds	34,467	88,555	(67,560)	(4,586)	50,876
Total funds	52,745	94,085	(69,117)	-	77,713

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2021

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Unrestricted funds				
General				
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Restricted funds				
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Food Day	900	-	(900)	-
Awards For All	-	9,392	-	9,392
Sessional workers	-	1,000	(375)	625
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16 Related party transactions

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