



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
From				To		

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Blaise Community Garden

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1160376

Charity's principal address

Church Lane

Henbury

Bristol

Postcode

BS10 7QG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Alastair Blackwell	Chair		
2	Charles Claxton	Hon Treasurer		
3	Greg Ashdown-Hoare	Hon. Secretary		
4	Kim Ashdown-Hoare			
5	Tim Parkinson			
6	Sally Brown			
7	Colin Marrs			
8	Aimee Rose			
9	Caroline Rosser			
10	Keith Rosser			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

	Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Association model constitution
(eg. trust deed, cons	
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
(eg. trust, association, company)	
Trustee selection methods	Elected by members
(eg. appointed by, elected by)	

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- ☐ policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- ☐ the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- ☐ relationship with any related parties;
- ☐ trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To provide facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation by providing an area for use as a community garden and other activities for individuals in Henbury, Bristol and the surrounding area, who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or 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.

To advance education for the public benefit particular by providing opportunities for learning about horticulture in and around the community garden.

To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the garden by restoring derelict areas and promoting biological diversity.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities undertaken , in no particular sequence:-

1. Making facilities available to organisations / groups working in the field of mental and physical disabilities.
2. Restoring structures of historic interest.
3. Recruiting and training new members.
4. Planting a large variety of different plants and vegetables.
5. Refurbishing existing buildings and greenhouses so that they are watertight and fit for purpose.
6. Ensuring that all trustees place working to the public good as their priority

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- ☐ policy on grantmaking;
- ☐ policy programme related investment;
- ☐ contribution made by volunteers.

The CIO has no grant making policy and does not make grants.

The CIO has no employees and only reimburses volunteers for purchases they have made for use in the garden.

Building maintenance is carried out by volunteers where this can be done safely and within the skill level of the volunteer.

All management and growing activities are carried out by volunteers.

Section D

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Major improvements to sustainability were introduced. These included: the restoration of a disused cistern tank to collect rainwater and develop a gravity feed watering system stretching the length of the garden;
The decision to go peat free and in its place, the introduction of hot composting and shredding of plant material for soil improvement purposes.
The recycling of vegetation has also meant that this no longer needs to be incinerated.
The planting of insect- attracting plants to improve pollination levels and sustain our own beehive.

There has been an increasing footfall of visitors from the surrounding community as a result of the volunteers' hard work on open days and the introduction of Winter and Spring Fairs giving local people the opportunity to both buy and sell.
A number of local charities supporting vulnerable groups have been able to take advantage of our largest glass house which has been converted (by our volunteers) into an indoor meeting area.
Another large greenhouse, dating back to Georgian times and inherited in a generally poor state, is in the process of restoration; significant progress has been made this year but further work and funding will be required to bring it back to productive use.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Funds received (mainly from our own initiatives – see below) are very rapidly reinvested in the Garden, with the result that reserves remain insufficient to warrant a specific policy.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- ☐ the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- ☐ how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- ☐ investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

We have a policy of not charging volunteers any form of membership fee.

Funding has been raised mainly from the following activities:

Plant sales
Café sales
Holding hugely popular Winter/Spring Markets as well as an Art exhibition this year where local micro businesses leased pitches to sell their wares.

All sales and leasing arrangements are set at prices well below those available commercially elsewhere and are widely welcomed by the local community.

Section F Other optional information**Section G Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Alastair Blackwell	
Full name(s)	Alastair Blackwell	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	27 Dec 2022	

BLAISE COMMUNITY GARDEN FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021/2022

INCOME	2020/21	2021/2022
Grants	1000.00	1500.00
Events	0.00	2372.65
Cash donations	997.93	1997.54
Plant sales	2475.00	2696.94
Loan	0.00	5000.00
Miscellaneous	138.20	329.02
TOTALS	4611.13	13896.15
EXPENDITURE		
Buildings	12995.73	8892.54
Equipment	277.41	677.50
Electricity	267.32	358.04
Plants/Seeds	129.65	362.93
Events/Catering	5.45	334.64
Com/Man/Top	1375.01	605.17
Insurance	381.09	395.11
Miscellaneous	653.71	947.28
TOTALS	16085.37	12573.21
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(11474.24)	1329.94
Brought forward	15655.94	4181.70 from 2020/2021
Carried forward	4181.70	5504.64 carried forward to 2021/2022

NOTE 1. In addition to the above listed cash donations we also received "in kind " donations valued at £857.94 comprising: Two cherry trees – 21.98, Eight 1000 litre water tanks – 450.00, Cakes - 116.46, Plants and seeds – 179.50, Twelve pallets – 90.00. There have been other donations which have not been recorded as no indication of value has been indicated by donors.