

## **Home in Bridport (CIO)**

### **Trustees Report:**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

HOME In BRIDPORT was founded in 2016 as a CIO, a charitable incorporated organisation and is mainly run by volunteers. Its role is as a gentle support network with a belief in encouraging inclusivity and equity for and with communities through the use of arts, culture and the role of food in all its aspects, as a right and basic need in society. Our main project is the Edible Garden Project which was begun in 2014 at St Mary's Primary School in Bridport, Dorset. This has developed as an important source of education and support for the school in particular during Covid. We now partner with ASCape, a family charity for those with children with Autism. A second Edible Garden was added at Bridport Primary School. There are plans to encourage Edible Gardens in other local schools as part of the Minerva Learning Trust (Cooperative Academy).

Home collaborates with other charities in the local community, in particular in the field of developing learning around the growing, harvesting, cooking and eating of good locally grown food. HOME now rents a community allotment from Dorset Council and is developing its work there with the support of the local council and volunteers aiming at working with single mothers with small children.

The Trustees oversaw the updating of all of the policies of the charity including safeguarding, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Volunteer and Environment.

The charity is viable and sustainable due to the hard work of the volunteers who raise the funding and offer their services for free as well as the hard and excellent work of those who deliver the projects. Due to increased time spent on this we have been able to double our charitable donations, all of which is spent on the project work of the charity. There are no reserves. The charity has no office costs due to the administration work being carried out from the home address of the Chair.

### **Our charities work:**

A list of the programmes and projects that were delivered in this financial year.

September 2022

Jon Scott, professional gardener and youth worker, joins the Edible Garden team. Meanwhile, a formal collaboration is agreed between St Mary's, Bridport Primary ASCape and Home in Bridport's Skilling Community Allotment.

September 2022

St Mary's Eco Group Choir attend Great Big Green Week and sang songs about plastic waste.

September 2022

Year 6 take part in DIG FOR VICTORY commemoration of World War II. A professional cook joins the Edible Garden team to make an 'all garden soup' and 'hedgerow jam'.

October 2022

We provide Year 2's a Sensory Workshop with smelling and tasting foods to broaden their tastes while overcoming fears of things unknown.

November 2022

Platform tables built in the smaller of the two poly tunnels to enable planting and germination of seeds by the children.

November 2022

To assist in Year 3's study of Ancient Peoples we provide a participatory demonstration of grinding wheat to make unleavened breads.

January 2023

A part of the Edible Garden team met to select Vitalseeds - an open sourced seeds organization in Devon. These seeds guarantee better results and allow us to save harvested seeds for the following year. The resulting collection was shared amongst our participating gardens; Mediterranean plant seeds were germinated overheat and platelets shared out in the spring

January 2023

Meeting with the Executive Principal of the Minerva Learning Trust to discuss ways that Home In Bridport may find further ways of cooperating with the Trust.

March - April 2023

A Family Cooking Project is organised based on new ideas to share around better nutrition. Six families attend 4 sessions after school with an MA Student and her supervisor from Bournemouth University. Team members support the project under the guidance of Caroline Walker, including Electra Owen, Jon Scott and Sarah Wilberforce with support from the school's Family Liaison Officer.

June 2023

On 16 June the Children's Food Fayre 'Companionship and Connections' continued the long-term partnership between Home In Bridport, Sustainable Bridport (previously Transition Town Bridport) and Opera Circus, charities and organization in Bridport at St Mary's Primary School - thanks to all involved and thanks to our long term funders The Ernest Hecht Foundation and Kitson & Trotman.

July – August 2023

The school year finishes and the Edible Gardens are cared for by the team and sustained during the summer months when repairs and new plans are made for the coming school term.

Further fund raising takes place for projects and events in the next financial year and to ensure the sustainability of the charity and its work.

### **Fund Raising:**

We would like to thank those individuals and organisations who make the work of the Edible Gardens Project possible. Of course our volunteers, gardeners, partners and the schools themselves are vital but without the funding we wouldn't have been able to continue for nearly 10 years and it's what makes this project so special. Thank you to the Ernest Hecht Charitable Trust and Kitson & Trotman in particular for their long term commitment. Their support has been inspiring, caring and enduring throughout the difficult years of Covid and the other challenges in these times we are living through. There was also one private donor who enabled us to achieve more with a very generous donation which really helped in the year following the Pandemic.

We want to add here that the Edible Garden Project wouldn't exist without the trusting and generous partnership working of a number of charities, HOME in Bridport with Opera Circus, Sustainable Bridport, ASCape, Bridport Food Matters, the PTA's and Bridport Town Council and most importantly the schools.

We also very much appreciate the support of Dorset Council who have provided funding to this partnership through HOME to work towards the food security and community engagement of all the work that needs to be done to ensure equality of knowledge and access to skills required for the town's survival in the future.

Dorset Council, Bridport Town Council, Wessex Water, The Cooperative Foundation, Dorset Garden Trust, Beacon Church, Nantes, St. Mary's PTA, Mark Oborn and Waitrose Community Matters

### **How we have spent our money in the past year.**

The majority of our income, which is grant funding and donations is spent on the Edible Garden Project, our professional gardener and the events and workshops for the children and their families of the two main schools, St Mary's Primary School and Bridport Primary School in Bridport West Dorset. Other expenditure includes replacement or new purchases of capital items including sheds, garden equipment, polytunnel skins, plants, shrubs, seeds and volunteer expenses, which are small. Please see the list of charitable work above.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Golden". The letters are stylized and connected, with a prominent vertical stroke at the end of the word "Golden".

Signed:

Robert Golden

Chair

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

HOME IN BRIDPORT

No. 1166569

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/09/2022

To

31/08/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	-	5,805	-	5,805	6,008
Grants	-	7,616	-	7,616	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	-	13,421	-	13,421	6,008
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	13,421	-	13,421	6,008
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Garden expenses and tools	-	3,982	-	3,982	2,302
Professional gardener fees	-	3,560	-	3,560	-
Donations	-	1,900	-	1,900	-
Volunteer expenses	-	937	-	937	-
Film and photography fees	-	500	-	500	-
Workshop costs	-	1,537	-	1,537	-
Professional fees	-	342	-	342	318
Water	-	36	-	36	36
Bank charges	-	24	-	24	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	12,818	-	12,818	2,656
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	12,818	-	12,818	2,656
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	-	603	-	603	3,352
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	3,941	-	3,941	589
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	-	4,544	-	4,544	3,941

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	NatWest Bank	-	4,544	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	4,544	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	