

INSPIRE COMMUNITY GARDEN

England & Wales · Charity number 1167913

Details

Other names CHESTERFIELD ORGANIC DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-06-29

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: 1) TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN CHESTERFIELD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH THE FACILITATION OF A COMMUNITY GARDENING, GROWING AND HORTICULTURAL PROJECT. 2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECT OF SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE. 3) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY BY PROVIDING PEOPLE IN FINANCIAL NEED WITH FOOD WHICH THEY COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD TO BUY DUE TO LACK OF MEANS.

Activities: We are a community Garden near to the centre of Chesterfield, where our volunteers meet, grow fruit and vegetables and enjoy the outdoor life in a sustainable way. Our plot was an acre of wasteland which we are bringing back into cultivation as we continue our activities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Derbyshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,475	£851	-	-
2024-03-31	£1,717	£1,250	-	-
2023-03-31	£657	£1,403	-	-
2022-03-31	£1,239	£707	-	-
2021-03-31	£2,563	£1,240	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michael John Thompson	Chair	2022-09-15
Christopher Allen		2023-09-10
Jill Cragg		2025-01-17
Lindsey Fallon		2016-06-26
Mr Chris Brooks		2017-09-25

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Annual Report 2024-2025

Introduction

It is our 9th year at the garden and as in recent years the weather has been challenging at times with long dry spells during the summer that has restricted the growth of the outside vegetables. However, we continue to try new organic gardening techniques and the volunteers are learning all the time and enjoying their time at the garden.

Activities

In early March packets of seeds were taken home by the volunteers and sown where conditions are warmer than in the Polytunnels at the garden. Tomatoes, Peppers, Chillies, Leeks and Cucumbers were sown. These were then taken to the garden for pricking out and growing on. To prevent as much frost damage and loss as possible we used a mini hot bed technique. This was used last year with a lot of success. For those that are unsure what this is, plastic bread trays are lined and filled with fresh locally sourced horse manure and this continues to rot, producing heat. Seedlings are then stood on this compost and covered with garden fleece at night, thus retaining the heat and helping ward off the cold and frost. This system protects the seedlings down to at least -8c outside temperature.



Later in the spring Beetroot, Onions, Dwarf Green Beans, Runner Beans, French Beans, Cabbage and Broccoli were grown. The seed Potatoes were placed in egg boxes in the caravan to start them growing (chitting). During early 2024 we had a regular attendance of about 10 volunteers and by June 2024 this had risen to 16 volunteers in a week. We had a stall at the May Day market and sold plants of Tomatoes, trays of Strawberries, Cabbages, Leeks and Chillies. A total of £241 was raised and thanks go to the volunteers who helped out on the day with the transport of the plants to market and for taking turns standing at the stall for sales and giving gardening advice to customers.



The first Strawberries were picked on 5th June followed by Raspberries and Blackcurrants on the 3rd July, Cucumbers and Chillies also did well. In recent years we have had the problem of the Pigeons eating the young Pea plants. To combat this we decided to grow two rows of Peas in the top Polytunnel and this was a great success with pea pods being picked in June. It was observed that wet Winter conditions had continued well into the Spring and apart from a few fair days in May and June Summer didn't really start until mid-July.



The Onions were a poor crop once again due to the mainly dry conditions in Summer but the Beetroot was a good crop and the Cabbages, Sprouts and Broccoli grew well that season, however by October the plants were touching the netting, allowing the birds to land on them and peck the leaves. The first new Potatoes were dug up in late July and a few Peaches and Nectarines were picked in August. The Summer of 2024 was the first where we had the benefit of the seven bulk rainwater containers at the top of the plot. The rain was collected from the roof of the caravan and this enabled us to keep the indoor plants well watered throughout the season and maximise the crops.

In the Autumn the plots were cleared and green manure was sown to keep the soil active over the Winter months. In the Winter the greenhouses and polytunnels were washed down to clean off the algae that had grown on the glass and polythene.

In December plot A was covered in flattened cardboard boxes to keep weeds from germinating

Monthly planning meetings were held in the caravan where the volunteers discussed what we were going to grow in the new season and other gardening matters.



On the Sunday before Christmas we had a get together in the caravan where we enjoyed mince pies, snacks and cakes along with tea and mulled wine.

In the New Year wet or frosty weather stopped us from working on the soil, on milder days we continued to weed out the perennial weeds such as Bindweed, Thistles, Dandelions and Docks and straightened the edges of the plots. Logs were chopped up and stored in the wood store and on cold days the fire was lit to keep the caravan warm.

As Winter progressed the fruit trees were pruned and the wooden plant labels were repainted in the polytunnel. In the first week of February Lettuce and Rocket seed were sown direct to the soil in the top greenhouse and kept moist until the seedlings appeared. The Summer fruiting Raspberry canes were pruned to the ground and the Peach and Nectarine trees were pruned. The compost bags from the back of the toilet were taken to the Fruit tree rootstock area to use as an organic fertilizer. By mid-February we had laid out the seed Potatoes into egg boxes in the caravan windows to start them growing. On the 16th February we held a Grafting workshop in the caravan and watched the cut stem being attached to the Rootstock in the garden. In the final week of March the Herbs were potted on and moved to the upper polytunnel for storage. The soil was dug and weeded in the top polytunnel and the Pea Netting was put up before the Peas were sown. 3 bags of Multi-Purpose compost were donated by B&M Bargains. French Beans and Sunflower seeds were sown in pots in the lower Polytunnel. We were having fine dry days and Spring had finally sprung at the Inspire Community Garden.

Mike Thompson, Chair of the trustees

7th September 2025

2024-25 Finance Report

At the start of the year, we had a healthy balance of £4,611.75.

Expenditure during the year was £850.98, with the largest expenses being the insurance and purchase of a 'fruit cage' which has been extended temporarily so

that we can use it to protect the brassicas. If it is robust enough to survive the winter winds, a further cage may be purchased to cover the whole plot.

As our Charities funds were sufficiently robust and no significant expenditure was anticipated for some time, it was decided to save £3,000 in a savings account with the Mansfield Building Society. At the end of December, this had accrued interest of £32.05.

Income during the year included two reasonable donations from the Community Growth team (£452) and from a Women's Collaborative (£360) which enabled a group of women to meet in environmentally social surroundings. We also received £196 from DCC for the pipework to connect additional IBCs for water collection. In addition, we made £241 from sales of plants at the Mayday market and on a day at the garden where we also sold pizzas (£188).

Gift Aid will be claimed during 2025-26 for the previous 2 years of 'gifts' & sales.

This leaves a balance of £2,203.35 plus £3,032.05 invested to start the 2025-26 Financial year.

Lindsey Fallon 31st August 2025

THE FUTURE

We hope to continue the Community Garden with the help of a healthy number of regular volunteers.

The past few years have proved that foot access only has not restricted the use and possibilities of the Garden, rather that the focus has had to change. We continue to get a limited number of visits from external organisations, including the Scouts, walking groups and Homeless Charities looking at what both sides can do for each other. Also, the garden has become a successful place for people directed there by their doctor to improve their fitness and wellbeing. People gain from the outside environment and the social interactions with new friends being made.

We would like to encourage anyone who is interested in community activities in a safe environment to get in touch and come along and see what the garden has to offer by way of a peaceful, calm environment. If you would like to be involved in growing and sharing produce, then perhaps we could persuade you to join our team of volunteers working on the plot.

Contact can be made via email to InspireCommunityGarden@gmail.com or come to look around on Sundays 10am to 3pm or Wednesdays 1pm to 3pm. During the Summer, Thursdays 6.15pm to 8pm. Access is via the footpath that is between Chester Street and Alexandra Road West. First gate on the right from Mecca Bingo or last gate on the left if coming from Chester Street. Just push the gate to see if we are open (it looks locked), then wander up the site where you will find us working or just chatting. No commitments, just come and look. Inspire are also open for new or returning volunteers to come and join us. There is no set requirement to attend, just as and when you can spare some time on a Sunday or a Wednesday afternoon.

Financial Statement for Year Ending 31st March 2025



Receipts and Payments Account for year ending 31st March

	Unrestricted	Mansfield BS Account	Total	Last Year Total
Receipts				
B/Fwd (cash in bank & petty cash)	£4,611.75	£0.00	£4,611.75	£4,145.06
Grants	£196.00		£196.00	£0.00
Donations (organised groups)	£812.00	£3,000.00	£3,812.00	£450.00
Events	£0.00		£0.00	£311.50
Donations (individuals & plants & others)	£193.48		£193.48	£187.56
Sales (plants, clothing & compost)	£241.10		£241.10	£515.25
Interest (BS Account)	£0.00	£32.05	£32.05	£0.00
Gift Aid claimed	£0.00		£0.00	£252.25
Total receipts	£1,442.58	£3,032.05	£4,474.63	£1,716.56
Payments				
Expenses supporting groups	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Mansfield BS Account	£3,000.00		£3,000.00	£0.00
Tools and other equipment	£24.90		£24.90	£23.93
Fruit trees, soft fruit, plants and seeds	£185.89		£185.89	£129.70
Compost / Manure	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Major Items	£159.99		£159.99	£0.00
Buildings / Infrastructure support costs	£69.98		£69.98	£0.00
Web services	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Insurance & Rent	£231.12		£231.12	£203.34
Miscellaneous	£179.10		£179.10	£892.90
Total payments	£3,850.98	£0.00	£3,850.98	£1,249.87
Excess of receipts over payments	-£2,408.40	£3,032.05	£623.65	£466.69
C/Fwd (cash in bank & petty cash)	£2,203.35	£3,032.05	£5,235.40	£4,611.75

Statement of Assets			
Cash in Hand		£97.28	£58.86
Cash at Bank & BS		£2,106.07	£4,552.89
Mansfield BS Savings		£3,032.05	£0.00
Total Assets		£5,235.40	£4,611.75

In my opinion the above Receipt and Payments have been properly prepared from the charity's records.

Date 21/09/2025
 Lindsey Fallon Treasurer

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Annual Report 2023-2024

Introduction

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Activities

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The east side of the lower polytunnel was cleared of perennial weeds and potatoes planted in order to break up the soil. This plot is where the fruit tree rootstock will be planted, to use for grafting new fruit trees.

During early 2023 we had a regular attendance of about 12 volunteers and by May 2023 this had risen to 24 volunteers in a week. A group of 3 started to come from Pathways of Chesterfield, a local charity to help the homeless improve their lives. They painted the sheds for us and helped with the weeding and planting in the Spring and early Summer.

We had a stall at the May Day market and sold plants of Tomatoes, trays of Strawberries, Cabbages, Leeks and Chillies. A total of £273.50 was raised and thanks go to the volunteers who helped out on the day with the transport of the plants to market and for taking turns standing at the stall for sales and giving gardening advice to customers.

The first Strawberries were picked on 14th June followed by Raspberries and Blackcurrants on the 28th

In the summer Courgettes and Runner Beans were a bumper crop, Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Chillies also did well. Peas were a failure due to the pigeons eating the new shoots and then suffering in the drought and weeds overtook the netted bed. The Onions were a poor crop due to the dry conditions but the Beetroot was a good crop and the Cabbages, Sprouts and Broccoli grew well that season. The first new Potatoes were dug up in late July and a few Peaches and Nectarines were picked.



Above photo: The Runner Beans and Courgettes in the foreground

In the Autumn the plots were cleared and green manure was sown to keep the soil active over the following months. In November we started to lay the new water pipe which was buried about 10 cm below ground and runs from the water tanks at the top of the garden to both polytunnels. The taps were installed and the project completed in February 2024.

A paved area was built next to the tool shed and some steps leading down to the lower polytunnel.



The future of the garden

I am optimistic that the Inspire Community Garden will continue to have a regular team of volunteers through all seasons and we have enough funds to maintain the infrastructure at the garden. A collaborative has been formed with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, Community Growth and Hunloke Community Garden with a vision of having individuals or small groups of people being involved in projects with DWT or to visit the gardens to help out. Some people will come from Green Social

Prescribing which is the practice of supporting patients to engage in nature-based activities as a way of improving their general health.

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Receipts and Payments Account for year ending 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Last Year Total
Receipts				
B/Fwd (cash in bank & petty cash)	£4,145.06	£0.00	£4,145.06	£4,891.88
Grants		£0.00	£0.00	£200.00
Donations from Transition	£450.00		£450.00	£375.00
Events	£311.50		£311.50	£0.00
Donations (individuals & plants & others)	£187.56		£187.56	£81.62
Sales (plants, clothing & compost)	£515.25		£515.25	£0.00
Gift Aid claimed	£252.25		£252.25	£0.00
Total receipts	£1,716.56	£0.00	£1,716.56	£656.62
Payments				
Caravan / site hut			£0.00	£0.00
Garden structures		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Tools and other equipment	£23.93		£23.93	£14.40
Fruit trees, soft fruit, plants and seeds	£129.70		£129.70	£158.04
Compost / Manure	£0.00		£0.00	£74.70
Toilet Twinning	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Subscriptions & Conferences			£0.00	£0.00
Web services	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Insurance & Rent	£203.34		£203.34	£199.55
Miscellaneous & Clothing	£892.90		£892.90	£956.75
Total payments	£1,249.87	£0.00	£1,249.87	£1,403.44
Excess of receipts over payments	£466.69	£0.00	£466.69	-£746.82
C/Fwd (cash in bank & petty cash)	£4,611.75	£0.00	£4,611.75	£4,145.06

Statement of Assets

Cash in Hand	£58.86	£104.80
Cash at Bank	£4,552.89	£4,040.26
Total Assets	£4,611.75	£4,145.06

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Annual Report 2022-2023

INTRODUCTION: Please note that this report covers the period of reduced / no Covid restrictions.

It is our 7th year of the garden which has seen a small change to the infrastructure but again has proved difficult at times with the reduced number of volunteers.



ACTIVITIES: Previous years have shown that water is critical to the effective growing of produce and has historically been in short supply as all water needs to be collected on site with there being no mains water supply. The building team installed 6 new, 7 in total 1000ltr IBCs which we hope will help. One of the solar pumps has been made transferable to enable us to use these tanks and can alternate with the existing tank, so it can be used to balance the water stored and used near the centre Polytunnel and top Greenhouse. Thanks to a local councillor providing a grant, we have the funding to lay a proper network of pipes around the garden to make best use of the new water storage system.

The Pond has now been relined and is carefully being replanted, having learnt some lessons from last time. We have even seen Newts in the pond so the relining was a good move.

We decided to re-instate the website, however we chose to use the existing transition website and have changed the address to <https://transitionchesterfield.org.uk/inspire/>



Another larger project (other than growing) was to create new bases for the compost bins in an attempt to prevent them being overrun with weeds growing up from the soil below.

One of the small but important tasks was the pruning of the Fedge (Fence/Hedge). The cuttings from this were used to create a wattle fence to protect our fig tree from the prevailing wind. This has been effective and it now looks a lot healthier.



During October, the Caravan was fully reopened after Covid closure. Hot drinks were again available, which was great on the colder days. Only one problem here is, that if the log burner is lit, the caravan becomes too attractive and people are reluctant to venture back out to get on with the tasks. 😊

In October and November, all the beds that were ready in time were sown with green manure. We did try this last season and it worked well to keep the soil 'alive' and the weeds down. The green manure did grow well, even in the cold weather and has survived the heavy frosts. At one point the temperature in the lower Poly tunnel dropped to -10c as it has its own micro climate.



The frame for the new espalier apple and pear trees was created and the land prepared and the new trees are growing well. At times it was cold work. New posts were added to the established cordon apple trees.

We re started some workshops with the first being a series of Pruning workshops.

This year (2023), we pruned the fruit trees in the Inspire Community Garden. The various sessions were well attended with most people having a go at pruning.



As in previous years, the surplus Potatoes, Green Manure, and other seeds were sold from the

Caravan at Inspire Community Garden during its normal opening times.



During February the soil began to warm enough for Parsnips and Jerusalem artichokes to be planted in their planned bed. While in the Polytunnel Onions and Shallots along with early Broad beans were started. As in previous years seeds were sown at people's houses, where it is a lot

warmer - Tomatoes, Peppers, Chillies, Leeks and Cucumbers were sown. These were then taken to the garden for pricking out and growing on. To prevent as much frost damage and loss as possible we used a mini hot bed technique. This was used last year with a lot of success. For those that are unsure what this is, plastic bread trays are lined and filled with fresh compost (usually horse manure) and this continues to rot, producing heat. Seedlings are then stood on this compost and covered with garden fleece, thus retaining the heat and helping ward off the cold. This system protects the seedlings down to at least -8c.

To continue with our program of removing all single use plastics from the garden, we began to use wooden plant labels (lollipop sticks). These actually worked out cheaper than buying new plastics ones. The retained plastic plant labels are being scrubbed clean and will be reused while they are still viable. We know from previous use of lollipop sticks that any writing, either permanent marker or pen, tends to become unreadable once the sticks get very wet. To solve this, we are using pre-labelled sticks with the plant names etched/engraved into them.



The Seed Swap library is at Inspire Community Garden and is available for anyone to come and have a look. Seed donations particularly welcome and can be

dropped off anytime the garden is open.

FUNDRAISING: There have been few opportunities to raise funds during the year but again we started the year with a healthy balance in the bank by keeping spend down to the essentials and we have managed to cover the running costs for the garden for this which includes the cost of Insurance, Seeds, and Petrol for the mowers. Wickes kindly donated 20 bags of Peat Free compost to the garden.



The strawberry plants that were removed from the bed were potted up and sold as plants at the May market and also in planters. These proved popular at £20 each and we soon sold out of plants to put in them

THE FUTURE: This continues to look uncertain, primarily due the need to try to persuade volunteers to take a more active/formal role in leading the garden. The past few years have proved that foot access only has not restricted the use and possibilities of the Garden, rather that the focus has had to change. We continue to get a limited number of visits from external organisations, including the Cubs, Scouts, walking groups and Homeless Charities looking at what both sides can do for each other. Also, the garden has become a successful place for people directed there by their doctor. Where people gain from the outside environment and the social interactions with new friends being made.

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Finance Report:

Financial Statement for Year Ending 31st March 2023



Receipts and Payments Account for year ending 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Last Year Total
Receipts				
B/Fwd (cash in bank & petty cash)	£3,891.88	£1,000.00	£4,891.88	£5,032.27
Grants		£200.00	£200.00	£0.00
Donations from Transition	£375.00		£375.00	£500.00
Events	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Donations (individuals & plants & others)	£81.62		£81.62	£12.00
Sales (plants, clothing & compost)	£0.00		£0.00	£86.30
Gift Aid claimed	£0.00		£0.00	£125.26
Total receipts	£4,156.62	£200.00	£4,356.62	£723.56
Payments				
Caravan / site hut			£0.00	£0.00
Garden structures		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Tools and other equipment	£14.40		£14.40	£275.99
Fruit trees, soft fruit, plants and seeds	£158.04		£158.04	£232.52
Compost / Manure	£74.70		£74.70	£24.00
Toilet Twirling	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Subscriptions & Conferences	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Web services	£0.00		£0.00	£65.87
Insurance & Rent	£199.55		£199.55	£156.96
Miscellaneous & Clothing	£956.75		£956.75	£108.61
Total payments	£1,403.44	£0.00	£1,403.44	£863.95
Excess of receipts over payments	£-946.82	£200.00	£-746.82	£-140.39
C/Fwd (cash in bank & petty cash)	£2,945.06	£1,200.00	£4,145.06	£4,891.88

Statement of Assets

Cash in Hand	£100.35
Cash at Bank	£4,791.53
Total Assets	£4,891.88

In my opinion the above Receipt and Payments have been properly prepared from the charity's records.

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13.07.2023

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INSPIRE COMMUNITY GARDEN 02/09/2022

Annual Report 2021-2022

INTRODUCTION: Please note that this report covers the period of reduced Covid restrictions.



1. *Flowering Artichoke*

It is our Sixth year of the garden which has seen a small growth to the layout but has proved challenging for the Inspire Community Garden volunteers. The change from COVID restriction have not yielded the expected return of volunteers. We have continued to make as much progress as we can, given the difficult circumstances. The year started well with much activity preparing the growing beds and poly tunnels to allow production of plants primarily for use within the garden itself. The growing plan for this year was created by Helen Green and Angela Fookes with input from other keen growers. The varieties were selected that were thought best worked within the Community Garden. As in previous years, some volunteers started off the early growing season by growing delicate seeds at home and then bringing them to the garden for transplanting and onwards growing

We found we had some success using mini hotboxes to prevent frost damage to the tender seedlings. This allowed the seedlings to be grown on until the they were ready to be transferred to their growing spots.

We had to close the use of the caravan during the previous year and although we have restricted it's use for meetings, it is slowly being brought back into use. We have maintained opening the garden twice a week but only to volunteers. Visitors have been restricted to specific times & people, such as collection of Potato Day surplus.

In the previous years, time and effort was spent on investigating the possibility of moving the garden to another site. This idea has now been dropped and it is hoped that the garden will remain in its current location for some time to come. We have maintained the number of Trustees at five, comprising Chris Allen, Chris Brooks, Lindsey Fallon, Martin Baxter and Karl Stirland.



2. *Too much to move*

Our usual monthly meetings had to be abandoned during the COVID restrictions and this continued during 21-22 season. Specific meetings were arranged, when needed, such as to produce our Growing plan and other identified activities. It is hoped that in the future, open meetings can be reinstated.



3. *Pumpkin Patch*

Again, for 2021, although the volumes of surplus plants for sale were reduced, we have managed to sell sufficient to generate income towards our running costs. We also raised funds by helping to organise Transition Chesterfield's Potato Day sales, which remained restricted in its operation this year.

Our reduced group of volunteers continues to come along, with each person having different interests and experience of gardening. Some come along for the organic or permaculture growing and to learn, some are with us for the construction of facilities, some are particularly interested in the wildlife we see at the garden and others attend for the physical exercise or workout! However, some come just to enjoy the friendship and to get out of the house to a safe environment outdoors which has allowed social distancing. The Garden remains a peaceful place for enjoying the fresh air and calm environment.



4. Willow walk

During the quieter winter period we created a new Woodland walk, named 'Willow Walk' due to the trees growing along it. This is a new and very different aspect of the garden offering a peaceful short stroll away from it all. The young people visiting, love to explore the pathway.

FUNDRAISING: There have been few opportunities to raise funds during the year but we started the year with a healthy balance in the bank and we have managed to cover the running costs for the garden for this year. Covid restrictions limited the on-site events and the possibility of selling plants at a market. The garden during this period required only a small working balance to cover the cost of Seeds, Compost and Petrol for the mowers.

THE FUTURE: This continues to look uncertain, primarily due to the reduced numbers of volunteers. However, the past two years have proved that foot access only has not restricted the use and possibilities of the Garden, rather that the focus has had to change. We continue to get a limited number of visits from external organisations, including the Cubs, Scouts, walking groups and Homeless Charities looking at what both sides can do for each other.

We would like to encourage anyone who is interested in community activities in a safe environment to get in touch and come along and see what the garden has to offer by way of a peaceful, calm environment. If you would like to be involved in growing and sharing produce, then perhaps we could persuade you to join our team of volunteers working on the plot. There is no set requirement to attend, just as and when you can spare some time on a Sunday or a Wednesday afternoon.

FINANCES: TBC

Financial Statement for Year Ending 31st March 2022



Receipts and Payments Account for year ending 31st March 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Last Year Total
Receipts				
B/Fwd (cash in bank & petty cash)	£4,032.27	£1,000.00	£5,032.27	£3,319.57
Grants		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Donations from Transition			£0.00	£0.00
Events	£0.00		£0.00	£40.00
Donations (individuals & plants & others)	£527.25		£527.25	£308.29
Sales (plants, clothing & compost)	£86.30		£86.30	£1,900.93
Gift Aid claimed	£125.26		£125.26	£569.39
Total receipts	£738.81	£0.00	£738.81	£2,818.61
Payments				
Caravan / site hut			£0.00	£0.00
Garden structures		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Tools and other equipment	£275.99		£275.99	£138.98
Fruit trees, soft fruit, plants and seeds	£232.52		£232.52	£440.23
Compost / Manure	£24.00		£24.00	£46.48
Toilet Twinning	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Subscriptions & Conferences	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Web services	£65.87		£65.87	£89.85
Insurance & Rent	£0.00		£0.00	£189.38
Miscellaneous & Clothing	£108.61		£108.61	£1,523.38
Total payments	£706.99	£0.00	£706.99	£2,428.30
Excess of receipts over payments	£31.82	£0.00	£31.82	£390.31
C/Fwd (cash in bank & petty cash)	£4,064.09	£1,000.00	£5,064.09	£3,709.88

Statement of Assets

Cash in Hand	£100.35	61.77
Cash at Bank	£4,791.53	3648.11
Total Assets	£4,891.88	£3,709.88

In my opinion the above Receipt and Payments have been properly prepared from the charity's records.

INSPIRE COMMUNITY GARDEN

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Accounts



Annual Report 2020-2021

INTRODUCTION: Please note that this report covers the early period of time During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic up to the end of March 2021. It covers the initial stages when the Government 'lockdowns' were implemented.

It is our fifth year of the garden which has seen a small growth to the infrastructure but has proved challenging for the Inspire Community Garden volunteers. While some haven't been able to attend due to shielding or protecting their family & friends, those who have continued have managed to grow many edibles and ornamentals. We have tried to make as much progress as we can,



given the difficult circumstances. The year started well with much activity preparing the growing beds and poly tunnels to allow production of plants to sell. A new very large Greenhouse was donated, and this was erected along with some new raised beds and seating area. We established that we could continue to use the existing garden space and that we could have another growing season on this site in 2021. Rianne Mason agreed to organise the growing plan for this year but was unable to see the actual planting taking place due to moving on to a new project some distance away. Her plan was implanted under the control of Helen Green and Angela Fookes.



We had to close the use of the caravan and socialising was maintained at a distance and in the open. Use of indoor spaces in polytunnels and greenhouses has been restricted to one or two people to protect everyone.

We have maintained opening the garden twice a week but only to volunteers. Visitors have been restricted to specific times & people, such as collection of

Potato Day surplus.

In the previous year a lot of time and effort was spent on investigating the possibility of moving the garden to another site but, due to factors beyond our control, this was eventually rejected. Due to other pressures, we have also reduced the number of Trustees to five, comprising Chris Allen, Chris Brooks, Lindsey Fallon, Steve Sansom, and Karl Stirland.



Our usual monthly meetings had to be abandoned so specific meetings were arranged, when needed, such as to produce our Growing plan and other identified activities.



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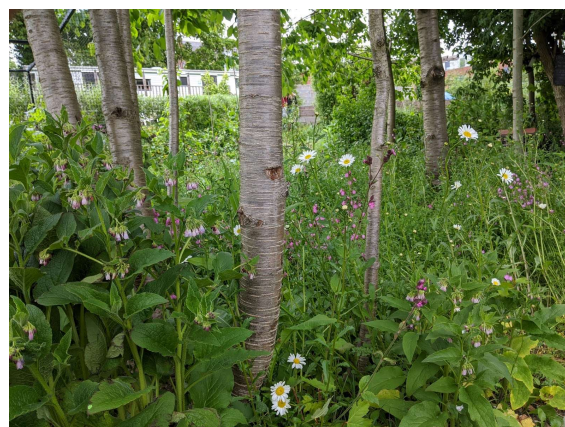
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COVID-19 (Coronavirus) At the time of the 'lockdown' towards the end of March 2020 the Trustees decided that the garden will remain open for

'exercise' purposes only. Volunteers wishing to help, were asked to maintain social distancing to keep everyone as safe as possible. It was planned so that if it ever felt that there are too many people on one task, volunteers may be asked to move to another task (mowing, weeding, general tidying etc.) away from others. Please note that the caravan has remained closed, and we are no



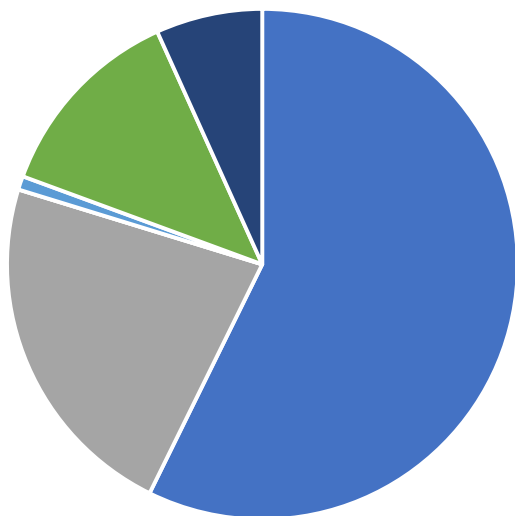
longer be able to offer catering for volunteers. Volunteers were asked to bring their own food and drink. At first these measures appeared draconian, but we adhered to the rules to try to ensure everyone remained safe and well. During December 2020 to March 2021, the Garden was closed to all except for the odd visit by the trustees to check on the site.



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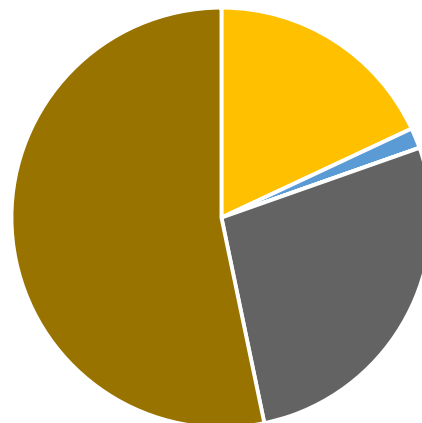
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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Our work can only continue with the generous support of people like you. We want to develop our community garden so that we can give more people in the area the opportunity to experience the outdoors and the wide variety of positive opportunities that we can provide for everyone.

Volunteer your time—share your labour, ideas, time and skills to help Inspire to establish and improve.

Make a donation—in cash or in kind, anything we can use or repurpose for the garden. Fundraise for us—get creative and come up with some exciting ideas that can raise funds and be fun at the same time.

Spread the word—spread the word about the benefits of the Inspire Community Garden in your school, workplace or local community.