

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024
FOR
HANDS OF HOPE

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Set up in 2016 by the current Trustees and still run by them, Hands of Hope enables people and communities to lead happier and healthier lives by connecting them to nature and each other from our beautiful National Landscape site, Hope Farm Community Garden, nestled on the Kent and Sussex border.

Supporting communities throughout Rother, Hastings, and West Kent, we have regenerated a forgotten and neglected Edwardian walled garden into a thriving community asset with support from Trusts and Foundations, regional and national companies, as well as our own chargeable activities, all underpinned by crucial volunteer & community support.

This year we launched the final phase of our capital development project, the "Great British Build Off", raising funds, pro bono support and social & skills volunteering opportunities which has resulted in the creation of 3 new teaching spaces including a new community kitchen & cookery school, Victorian glasshouse and large classroom incorporating two disabled toilet blocks.

Heating and power are delivered by renewable technology keeping running costs low, and negligible when not in use. Renewable energy is produced by two 24kw Air Source Heat Pumps and solar panels installed on the Cookery School and Learning Centre. Additionally, we have installed a Rainwater Harvesting System thus keeping our energy and water costs to a minimum. The charity is accredited for the nondomestic RHI feed-in tariff, which will see us receive an annual income from the energy produced on site.

Our model is to create a platform embedded in our delivery of nature-based activities aligned to Growing, Cooking, Social & Skills and Environmental Sustainability, from which we will launch a suite of initiatives which we hope will result in Hope Farm Community Garden being a landscape that: Improves peoples' health, well-being and recovery through equitable access and connection to growing, cooking and nature.

I would like to thank the Trusts and Foundations and all our other donors including local schools and community groups, who continue to support us - we are extremely grateful. Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of our volunteers, staff and my fellow trustees for their passion and dedication to our aims and for the impact they enabled us to deliver this year.

James Doran
Founder and Chair

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Main objectives:

- Use Growing, Cooking and Nature-based activities to improve physical, mental & environmental health outcomes throughout Rother, Hastings and West Kent.
- Improve community cohesion by bringing people together from a variety of backgrounds and age groups, breaking down barriers through shared physical activity.
- Increase the skills base amongst people by providing access to, and training in, organic food growing, environmental heritage & nature-based activities, heritage rural crafts and nutrition/cooking.
- Enable people to grow their own food and eat seasonally and locally, sharing their surplus and therefore reducing food waste whilst tackling food poverty.
- Restore, maintain & promote the natural, rural and community heritage of Hope Farm Community Garden, for future generations.
- Create a landscape that educates and engages through innovating agriculture strategies, improved trail systems for improved engagement & community access, and protecting diverse habitats.
- Develop regenerative agriculture and home-scale production suitable to the site.
- Enhance outdoor spaces for communities through nature education elements using a balance of wild and cultivated areas.
- Develop sustainable land management systems that decrease reliance on off-site inputs and encourage communities to live more sustainably - reduce, reuse, recycle.
- Using regenerative agriculture techniques to improve the health of the soil and increase biodiversity on site and sharing this knowledge with the wider community.

Supporting:

- Introduction of Kent & Sussex heritage crop production maintaining and sharing, regional, heritage seed varieties
- Protection & increase of biodiversity and habitats for pollinating insects and wildlife.
- Preservation of ancient landscapes including Ghyll Woodland. Ancient Droveaway and Wildflower Meadow.
- New employment opportunities.
- New volunteer opportunities.
- Improvements in physical, mental and environmental health outcomes.
- Access to apprenticeships, work experience and training programmes.
- Preservation and promotion of regional, heritage skills that are slowly eroding.
- Specialist services - DIG (Dementia Inclusive Gardening), STG (Social Therapeutic Gardening), Nutrition classes. Cookery classes, etc.
- Learning through play for children, educational establishments, and families.
- Access to land-based alternative provision for children requiring additional support.
- Improvements to local food systems.
- Reduction of Food Waste.
- Long-term sustainability of Hands of Hope.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The practical difference we make:

AN OVERVIEW OF OUR DELIVERY - AUGUST 23 TO JULY 24:

Living History Programme

This 2-year Heritage Lottery Funded programme which launched in October 2022, draws to a close in October 2024. The original aims of Living History were to use lessons from the past to inform and sustain our futures by offering diverse communities and beneficiaries the opportunity to engage in nature-based activities for learning, skills, connectedness and wellbeing.

Over the two years activities have included:

- i. Conservation and Local Heritage research skills,
- ii. Traditional Hedgelaying.
- iii. Beekeeping,
- iv. Rural Crafts e.g., dyeing using food waste,
- v. Bushcraft/foraging and land based alternative provision,
- vi. Herbal medicines,
- vii. Spinning and weaving,
- viii. Social Knitting sessions,
- ix. Preserving and Pickling
- x. Field to Fork delivery,
- xi. Scything,
- xii. Willow weaving,
- xiii. Green Woodworking and wood turning.

Helping Hands Lunch Club

We have been delivering a social lunch club for older people from Peasmarsh Memorial Hall since November 2018 delivered by Trustees and Volunteers. Running 11am to 2pm, activities include a nutritious home-cooked, two course lunch, advice sessions, raffle, and bingo, followed by an afternoon of entertainment - transport is also provided. We currently support 58 registered Members with a current waiting list, supported by 9 Volunteers. Most of our Members live locally in Rye, Peasmarsh, Northiam, Beckley and Winchelsea. 2025 will see the launch of Helping Hands Lunch Club - Hawkhurst

Hope Fam, Shedders

A community initiative running bi-weekly on Wednesdays and Fridays 10am-2pm at Hope Farm Community Garden. Shedders is about community cohesion where members share traditional skills such as green wood working, wood turning as well as undertaking repairs, creating a shared space to improve general wellbeing. The Shedders now have 12 registered members with an average of 6-8 participants attending over 80 sessions in the period. The members generate income from selling handcrafted goods and undertaking community projects. Additionally they provide work placement opportunities for young adults teaching woodland craft skills to under-16s and delivered 3x 4-hour sessions sharing spoon carving & woodland craft skills to 8 adults and 5 children.

Bee in Company

An intergenerational skills and social project, part of Living History, improving sites' biodiversity, promoting community cohesion, protecting bees, and transferring knowledge to the next generation of beekeepers. In the period supported 200 children and adults as well as 3 local HomeEd groups. Activities include weekly social projects for older people, 'beekeeping for beginners' courses, alternative provision and holiday activities.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Based at Hope Farm Community Garden, the bees live in the heritage orchard helping to pollinate our amazing walled market garden and 22-acre AONB site. Bee in Company is an educational, social & environmental project covering:

- i. Beehives & Equipment
- ii. Basic Bee Biology
- iii. Inside the Hive
- iv. Inspecting the Colony
- v. Preparing for a Honey Crop
- vi. Pests & Disease
- vii. Summer Management
- viii. Taking the Honey Crop
- ix. Autumn Management
- x. Preparing for Winter
- xi. Crafting with Beeswax
- xii. Gardening for Bees

Hawkhurst Friendship Group

The group meets every Monday at Hope Farm to socialise as well as sharing stories on village life, past and present.

Get Growing

Originally launched during COVID in July 2020 and tackling complex and increasingly critical issues including food poverty, food waste, social isolation, and mental health, and contributing towards long-term health and wellbeing outcomes for our communities, Get Growing is a multi-faceted programme supporting a number of activities.

To date we have delivered 100's of tonnes of organic produce to local food banks as well as over 2000 Grow Kits supporting thousands of potential growers. Over the last year we have delivered 126 Horticulture volunteering sessions, supporting between 7 and 14 Volunteers per session, accruing 2,445 hours.

Public benefit

All our activities align with our Theory of Change, developed in consultation with our participants, partners and key stakeholders. This starts with our inputs which generate outputs leading to outcomes and result in the charity's impact.

We have aligned our activities to the government's environmental strategy "A Greener Future", which promotes resourcing Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) such as ours, to guarantee their long-term protection and enhancement, preserving natural environments as a resource for preventative and therapeutic purposes, using nature-based interventions to improve physical and mental health.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

With the support of our incredible volunteers, Staff & Trustees, our Key Achievement's for the period August 2023 to July 2024 include:

- Welcomed over 1500 visitors to Hope Farm.
- 100 children engaged in nature craft sessions.
- Completed Living Earth - a 31-week land-based, alternative provision initiative, supporting 12 children, delivered by local CIC, Project Rewild.
- Accrued over 10,000 hours in Volunteer time.
- Delivered 126 social & skills gardening & horticulture sessions, 12 Lunch Clubs & 80 Shedders sessions.
- 29 adults engaged in practical training aligned to conservation and land management activities including traditional hedgelaying, South of England Style and Scything.
- Launched our 5th year of Get Growing, distributing tonnes of fresh produce to local food banks as well as distributing FREE Grow Kits to over 500 settings including schools, early years, residents, families, residential care settings and local charities including Warming up the Homeless.
- Introduced our new in-season Farm Shop & Cafe, delivered solely by Volunteers and raising vital funds for the charity.
- Introduced practical beekeeping and conservation activities to 50 adults and 153 children including local HomeEd groups.
- Hosted on annual traditional Wassail, welcoming 50 people, and supported by Rattlebag and Weald of Kent Morris Dancers.
- Completed capital works on new, fully sustainable buildings including a Community Kitchen & Cookery School, a Victorian Glasshouse, and a large Classroom.
- Improved accessibility with the introduction of 2 disabled toilet blocks and introduced new, accessible pathways.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

Funders & Supporters

We are extremely grateful to the following organisations and donors for their faith and support:

- Reaching Communities - National Lottery
- National Lottery Heritage Fund
- Rye Fund - Sussex Community Foundation
- Kent Community Foundation
- Involve Kent
- Awards for All
- Tesco Bags of Help Scheme
- Waitrose Community Fund- Hawkhurst Branch
- DEFRA managed by High Weald Partnership
- Network Rail
- J Perigoe & Son Funeral Directors
- Parkers Building Supplies
- H&H Celcon
- Hastings Direct
- The Wolfson Foundation
- The Pike Star Foundation
- Nineveh Trust
- British Gypsum
- Family of Adrian Playfoot
- Sir Paul McCartney
- Henry Smith
- Roger Hill
- Fidelity Community Development fund
- West Kent Rural Fund
- Woodroffe Benton
- Colyer Fergusson
- Social Farms and Gardens
- Barchester Foundation
- Felicity Robinson

Partnership and Collaboration:

We are grateful for the opportunity to provide horticulture, nature-based and corporate volunteering opportunities for:

- British Gypsum
- Hastings Direct
- Parkers
- Network Rail
- High Weald National Landscape
- Bexhill College
- Chefs in Partnership
- Kim Richards - RVA

We are also grateful to the following charities and organisations who offered support in the period:

- Rye & Hawkhurst Food Banks
- Warming up the Homeless
- Rooted Community Allotment
- Project Rewild

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

- Julie Gurr
- Thomas Brown Sussex Trugs
- Garden Organic
- Kent Country Partnership
- Rattlebag
- Weald of Kent Morris Dancers
- Involve Kent.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

As at 31 July 2024 the charity held reserves totalling £343,580 of which £68,691 is held for restricted purposes.

Reserves policy

Our reserves are managed in line with guidance issued by the Charity Commission and ensure that we can progress the maintenance, restoration and development of our 22-acre site, deliver our community programmes as well as allowing us to operate during periods of lower income ensuring that we have reserves for unexpected events such as redundancies or any site works that require urgent attendance.

Additionally, reserves are held by the charity to enable it to progress to complete both its long-term projects and its current activities and any fluctuations in receipts and payments.

The policy is to hold 6 months of running costs to cover salaries and site running costs which support our activities, and also takes in the following:

- (1) Contingency: unexpected expenditure in the event of an emergency;
- (2) Cash-flow: situations where a bill has to be paid before the money to cover it has been received;
- (3) Commitment: a commitment to expenditure which cannot be covered by the annual income
- (4) Closure: the charity becomes financially unsustainable and has to be wound up.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Hands of Hope operates within 'Site Rules' (its governing document) and seeks to have at least five and not more than seven elected Committee members, all of whom must be eligible members, elected at the AGM.

The trustees will regularly conduct a skills audit of the Committee to review any skills gaps and trustee places available. The trustees will then decide if they need to actively recruit board members and agree on a recruitment process that is designed to attract a diverse range of candidates with the skills the charity needs, including agreeing on how and where to advertise.

The board of trustees can appoint a trustee to fill an identified skills gap at any time during the year, when there are vacancies.

Interviews may be carried out by a small panel of trustees, and each candidate will be asked similar questions to ensure a fair and objective approach.

The completed application form and feedback from the interview shall be discussed amongst the committee who will then decide on the suitability of the candidate.

The preferred candidate shall be invited to attend at least one trustee meeting as an observer and will receive further information regarding the role trustee.

The applicant will be given a trustee welcome pack.

If the applicant wishes to proceed, a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

Induction and training of new trustees

As part of the induction process, new trustees shall provide:

- Proof of ID.
- Signed Data Protection policy form.

When joining the committee, new trustees will receive an introduction to the Site, its history, the current activities and planned activities for the future from the Chairman or Trustee. They will also be given access to the site policies and procedures, including safeguarding. They also may access copies of reports and minutes from the preceding 3 months.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1168016

Principal address

Hope Farm
Tillingham Lane
Peasmarsh
Rye
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TN31 6XG

Trustees

J P Doran
Ms S Kaskanian
M I Al-Jumaili
Ms S Coleman
Ms A Doran Al-Jumaili (resigned 31/12/2024)

HANDS OF HOPE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
J P Doran - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HANDS OF HOPE

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hands of Hope

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hands of Hope (the Trust) for the year ended 31st July 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Joseph Greenslade FCCA

Gibbons Mannington & Phipps LLP
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Date:

HANDS OF HOPE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		64,894	395,690	460,584	388,575
Other trading activities	3	7,015	-	7,015	18,930
Investment income	4	976	-	976	-
Total		<u>72,885</u>	<u>395,690</u>	<u>468,575</u>	<u>407,505</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		1,439	236	1,675	19,455
Charitable activities					
Growing		39,963	112,527	152,490	108,278
Providing lunches and food sales		-	-	-	18,041
Other		42,567	4,249	46,816	34,537
Site restoration		60,741	38,830	99,571	74,136
Community		2,567	37	2,604	-
Education		4,901	9,954	14,855	-
Total		<u>152,178</u>	<u>165,833</u>	<u>318,011</u>	<u>254,447</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(79,293)	229,857	150,564	153,058
Transfers between funds	14	<u>255,589</u>	<u>(255,589)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		176,296	(25,732)	150,564	153,058
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		98,593	94,423	193,016	39,958
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>274,889</u></u>	<u><u>68,691</u></u>	<u><u>343,580</u></u>	<u><u>193,016</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

HANDS OF HOPE

BALANCE SHEET
31ST JULY 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	296,438	-	296,438	89,757
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	1,253	-	1,253	16,693
Cash at bank and in hand		25,744	68,691	94,435	165,009
		<u>26,997</u>	<u>68,691</u>	<u>95,688</u>	<u>181,702</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(21,546)	-	(21,546)	(39,443)
		<u>5,451</u>	<u>68,691</u>	<u>74,142</u>	<u>142,259</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		5,451	68,691	74,142	142,259
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		301,889	68,691	370,580	232,016
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(27,000)	-	(27,000)	(39,000)
		<u>274,889</u>	<u>68,691</u>	<u>343,580</u>	<u>193,016</u>
NET ASSETS					
		274,889	68,691	343,580	193,016
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				274,889	98,593
Restricted funds				68,691	94,423
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>343,580</u>	<u>193,016</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

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J P Doran - Trustee

.....
S Kaskanian - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Hands of Hope is a charitable incorporated organisation, registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered number and principle address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery - 25% on cost

Improvements to property - amortised over the life of the lease term ended June 2028

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Cafe and produce sales	6,415	18,930
Room hire	600	-
	<u>7,015</u>	<u>18,930</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024 £	2023 £
Deposit account interest	976	-
	<u>976</u>	<u>-</u>

5. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiners for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	4,041	4,945
	<u>4,041</u>	<u>4,945</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st July 2024 nor for the year ended 31st July 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st July 2024 nor for the year ended 31st July 2023.

7. STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	125,493	87,391
Social security costs	3,754	(7,070)
Other pension costs	1,832	759
	<u>131,079</u>	<u>81,080</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Charitable activities	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	115,030	273,545	388,575
Other trading activities	<u>18,364</u>	<u>566</u>	<u>18,930</u>
Total	<u>133,394</u>	<u>274,111</u>	<u>407,505</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	18,042	1,413	19,455
Charitable activities			
Growing	-	108,278	108,278
Providing lunches and food sales	18,041	-	18,041
Other	10,239	24,298	34,537
Site restoration	<u>3,302</u>	<u>70,834</u>	<u>74,136</u>
Total	<u>49,624</u>	<u>204,823</u>	<u>254,447</u>
NET INCOME	83,770	69,288	153,058
Transfers between funds	<u>(14,449)</u>	<u>14,449</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	69,321	83,737	153,058
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>29,272</u>	<u>10,686</u>	<u>39,958</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>98,593</u>	<u>94,423</u>	<u>193,016</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st August 2023	75,042	61,191	136,233
Additions	268,880	12,845	281,725
At 31st July 2024	343,922	74,036	417,958
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st August 2023	13,646	32,830	46,476
Charge for year	66,055	8,989	75,044
At 31st July 2024	79,701	41,819	121,520
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st July 2024	264,221	32,217	296,438
At 31st July 2023	61,396	28,361	89,757

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	1,253	1,159
Other debtors	-	15,534
	1,253	16,693

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 13)	12,000	12,000
Trade creditors	6,527	24,379
Taxation and social security	519	(435)
Other creditors	2,500	3,499
	21,546	39,443

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans (see note 13)	<u>27,000</u>	<u>39,000</u>

13. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	<u>27,000</u>	<u>39,000</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/8/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/7/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	98,593	(79,293)	255,589	274,889
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	94,423	(43,821)	(50,602)	-
GBBO	-	241,995	(204,987)	37,008
National Lottery	-	31,683	-	31,683
	<u>94,423</u>	<u>229,857</u>	<u>(255,589)</u>	<u>68,691</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>193,016</u>	<u>150,564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>343,580</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	72,885	(152,178)	(79,293)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	-	(43,821)	(43,821)
GBBO	241,995	-	241,995
Living History	70,060	(70,060)	-
National Lottery	83,635	(51,952)	31,683
	<u>395,690</u>	<u>(165,833)</u>	<u>229,857</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>468,575</u>	<u>(318,011)</u>	<u>150,564</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/8/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/7/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	29,272	83,770	(14,449)	98,593
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	10,686	69,288	14,449	94,423
TOTAL FUNDS	39,958	153,058	-	193,016

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	133,394	(49,624)	83,770
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	274,111	(204,823)	69,288
TOTAL FUNDS	407,505	(254,447)	153,058

The purposes of the restricted funds are as follows:

GBBO - Our 'Great British Build Off' is a phased project to restore and expand our historic site. The current phase includes plans to develop a new, inclusive, community kitchen, cookery school and learning centre.

Living History - This is a 2-year programme with the aim of reconnecting communities to nature, provide opportunities for training and skills in conservation, land management & traditional rural craft and conserve and protect our ancient site.

Lottery - this grant provides core funding to enable more people to access the benefits of growing, cooking, and connecting to nature.

Transfers between funds

The fixed assets purchased by the charity in the year using restricted funds do not have restricted conditions attached to their usage, and as such a transfer has been made to the general funds to reflect this.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the accounting period the charity paid BS Group Limited; a company controlled by trustees; Mr J Doran and Ms S Kaskanian, £68,272 (2023: £60,705) in relation to site development expenses.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	170,575	388,575
Grants	290,009	-
	460,584	388,575
Other trading activities		
Cafe and produce sales	6,415	18,930
Room hire	600	-
	7,015	18,930
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	976	-
Total incoming resources	468,575	407,505
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Sundries	137	-
Other trading activities		
Produce purchases	589	19,455
Cleaning	320	-
Equipment repairs and renewals	629	-
	1,538	19,455
Charitable activities		
Wages	125,493	87,391
Social security	3,754	(7,070)
Pensions	1,832	759
Rates and water	4,277	-
Telephone	103	804
Postage and stationery	358	-
Advertising	3,443	6,273
Sundries	1,000	395
Growing costs	12,093	19,201
Cleaning and waste disposal	578	-
Website costs	1,220	-
Equipment maintenance	645	-
Education expenses	14,127	-
Community outreach costs	2,604	-
Professional fees	1,068	-
Carried forward	172,595	107,753

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	2024 £	2023 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	172,595	107,753
Donations	1,760	-
Uniform costs	1,277	-
Equipment hire	17,880	-
Site repairs	20,950	-
Improvements to property	66,055	12,279
Plant and machinery	8,989	8,237
	<u>289,506</u>	<u>128,269</u>
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	116	69
Bank interest	3,000	4,650
	<u>3,116</u>	<u>4,719</u>
Human resources		
Recruitment expenses	58	927
Other		
Hire of plant and machinery	-	7,085
Light and heat	517	301
Postage and stationery	1,580	460
Site Repairs	-	74,136
Motor costs	4,932	8,124
Computer costs	6,055	4,468
	<u>13,084</u>	<u>94,574</u>
Governance costs		
Independent examiners' remuneration	4,041	4,945
Insurance	3,796	1,558
Bookkeeping	2,735	-
	<u>10,572</u>	<u>6,503</u>
Total resources expended	<u>318,011</u>	<u>254,447</u>
Net income	<u>150,564</u>	<u>153,058</u>

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