

**Hackney Tree People**  
(Registered charity, number 1168716)  
**Financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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**Hackney Tree People  
Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**Full name** Hackney Tree People

**Other names by which the charity is known** Hackney Community Tree Nursery  
Tree Musketeers

**Organisation type** Charitable incorporated organisation

**Registered charity number** 1168716

**Principal address**

155 Chatsworth Road, London, E5 0LA

**Trustees**

Christine Kings, Chair	Francisco Marcelo White
Yuti Gada, Treasurer, from 05/06/2024	Neil Sinden, from 28/09/2024
Natalie Sutton	Peter Burke, from 28/09/2024
Emmanuel de Lange, from 28/09/2024	Annie Chipchase, until 28/09/2024
Sarah Lo, until 28/09/2024	Felicity Jones, until 28/09/2024

**Independent examiner**

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

**Governance and management**

The charity is operated under the rules of its CIO constitution adopted 10 August 2016.

Hackney Tree people is governed by its Board of Trustees. There are currently seven trustees, board meetings take place approximately every 12 weeks. New Trustees are recruited from being volunteers they are proposed and seconded by existing Trustees. Voting is by a secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting.

In accordance with the constitution which states that at the annual general meeting of the members of the CIO one third of the charity trustees shall retire from office, the longest serving trustees may resign but have the option to show their willingness to continue with their duties and may be re-elected.

Membership of the CIO is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes and who, by applying for membership, has indicated their agreement to become a member and acceptance of the duty of members. Only individuals are eligible to be members of the charity.

## Hackney Tree People

### Objectives and activities

- 1) For the public benefit, to promote improvement of the physical and natural environment, and public health, in particular but not exclusively by the growing, care and conservation of trees, and other activities related to trees, mainly but not exclusively in the London Borough of Hackney;
- 2) The advancement of education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, mainly but not exclusively in the London Borough of Hackney, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of workshops on woodland management and tree coppicing and felling.

### Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Within the year, HTP organised multiple community tree planting sessions on Hackney Downs, Stoke Newington Common, Well Street Common, Allens Gardens, Millfields park, Springfield park and Stonebridge gardens. HTP continues to maintain previously planted trees within the Hackney area.

In the autumn of last year, we set up an engagement project with a class from Clapton Park Children's Centre. The aims included connecting children with trees in their environment and providing knowledge and awareness of trees and their life cycle. A learning session on trees was followed up with whip planting on the Main Marsh.

### Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

### Summary of the main achievements during the period

HTP continue to upgrade and improve the tree nursery. As a part of HTP's five-year strategy, a part-time paid administrator has been taken on to streamline the administration and improve the productivity.

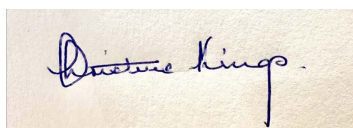
### Financial review

The HTP have had a satisfactory year with plenty of activity. Installation of an automatic irrigation system saw the income and expenditure to be increased and net receipts under pressure.

### The charity's policy on reserves

HTP has a reserves policy of 6 months of its operating costs. The reserves policy is reviewed as and when required.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Christine Kings, Trustee

Date 26/9/2025

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
Hackney Tree People  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hackney Tree People (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

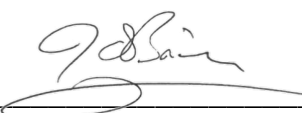
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed  Date 26/09/2025  
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE  
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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## Receipts & payments account

### for the year ended 31 March 2025

2024			Unrestricted	Restricted	2025
Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Total
Funds			Funds	Funds	Funds
£			£	£	£
	<b>Receipts</b>				
19266	Grants & donations	2	10400	26923	37323
-	Events & activities		895	-	895
11800	Consultancy work		-	-	-
11250	School projects income		-	-	-
639	Tree sales		1800	-	1800
20	T shirt sales		28	-	28
53	Calendar sales		-	-	-
107	Bank interest		78	-	78
300	Miscellaneous		496	-	496
<u>43435</u>	<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>13697</u>	<u>26923</u>	<u>40620</u>
	<b>Payments</b>				
5090	Horticultural supplies		2995	-	2995
3466	Tree nursery site maintenance		1507	-	1507
-	Irrigation project		-	42743	42743
2379	Vehicle maintenance		1337	-	1337
1867	Equipment, repairs & renewals		342	-	342
870	Insurance (vehicle & site/activities)		860	-	860
363	Volunteer provisions		442	-	442
13314	Events & activities		1243	-	1243
222	Website & social media		187	-	187
927	Publications & membership		259	-	259
605	Administration		936	1750	2686
804	Training (first aid & other)		615	-	615
456	Professional fees		1568	2500	4068
10944	Consultancy		-	-	-
60	Bank charges		60	-	60
959	Sundry payments		2645	-	2645
<u>42326</u>	<b>Total payments</b>		<u>14996</u>	<u>46993</u>	<u>61989</u>
1109	<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		(1299)	(20070)	(21369)
52179	Cash funds at start of this period		53288	-	53288
-	Transfers between funds		(20070)	20070	-
<u>53288</u>	<b>Cash funds at end of this period</b>		<u>31919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31919</u>

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## Statement of assets and liabilities

### at 31 March 2025

2024		2025
£		£
53284	<b>Cash assets</b>	
4	Bank accounts	31919
<u>53288</u>	Cash in hand	<u>-</u>
		<b><u>31919</u></b>
	<b>Other monetary assets</b>	
277	Prepayments - Insurance	100
-	Debtor - Grant from London Borough of Hackney	15000
<u>277</u>		<b><u>15100</u></b>
	<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	
	General equipment.	
	<b>Liabilities</b>	
(504)	Creditors - Independent examination	(522)
-	Creditors - Administration	(861)
<u>(504)</u>		<b><u>(1383)</u></b>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed



Date 26/09/2025

Yuti Gada, Trustee

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## Notes to the accounts

### for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### 1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

#### 2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
London Borough of Hackney	-	4250	4250
Forestry Commission	-	22673	22673
The Lancashire Foundation	5000	-	5000
Southwark Cathedral	2400	-	2400
Sundry grants & donations	3000	-	3000
	<b>10400</b>	<b>26923</b>	<b>37323</b>

#### 3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance	Receipts (Payments)		Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Irrigation project	-	22673	(42743)	20070	-
Attaching labels	-	4250	(4250)	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>26923</b>	<b>(46993)</b>	<b>20070</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund	53288	13697	(14996)	(20070)	31919
	<b>53288</b>	<b>13697</b>	<b>(14996)</b>	<b>(20070)</b>	<b>31919</b>

The irrigation project was funded by the forestry commission, the expenditure exceeded the grant income and so the transfer represents the amount of unrestricted funds needed to cover the full costs.

The attaching labels project was funded by the London Borough of Hackney and was for the tagging of trees, this funding was all spent in the year.

#### 4. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

#### 5. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

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### 6. Glossary of terms

**Creditors:** These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

**Prepayments:** These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

**Restricted funds:** These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.