



Deanshanger Allotments CIO

Trustees Annual Report

Reporting period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

Trustees: Jane Beedell (Chairman)
Sadie Scott
Natasha Beedell

Objectives of the Charity

Deanshanger Allotments is a CIO registered on 11th October 2016 by John and Jane Beedell. The board has a maximum of three trustees who manage the CIO on a day to day basis. The objective of the CIO is to improve the conditions of life, specifically the provision of facilities for allotment gardening, for the inhabitants of Deanshanger and the surrounding area.

Death of founding trustee

John Beedell sadly died of COVID-19 on 22nd March 2020. His daughter Natasha stepped in to replace him. Aside from the sad loss to his family, his hard work, energy, dedication and expertise has been sorely missed by both Deanshanger Allotments CIO and Deanshanger Allotments Association, where he held the position of Treasurer.

Death of trustee

David Aaronson sadly died early in 2022 and Sadie Scott, an exceptionally dedicated plot holder at Church Lane site, stepped in to replace him. His dedication to voluntary work in the village throughout his adult life will be sorely missed.

Financial performance during 2022

In summary, the Section 106 Grant received from Redrow on 14th February 2019 comprised:

Allotment Work Contribution:	£25,000.00
Allotment Maintenance Contribution:	£21,636.36

TOTAL	£46,636.36
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The total spent so far is £20,557 of the £25,000 **Allotment Work Contribution**. £6,000 was spent this year on the erection of a chain link fence along the resident's side of the site to connect with the existing chain link fencing along the other three sides. This means that the perimeter fencing for the site is now wholly owned by Deanshanger Allotments.

This year, for the first time, the **Allotment Maintenance Contribution** (£21,636.36) was used to pay £42 to South Northants Council for a green waste bin collection service for Northfields site and £3,124.03 was transferred to Deanshanger Allotment Association for the 3 years' maintenance costs (fully receipted) for Northfields Allotment site maintenance since

it opened to the public. This averages approximately £1,000 per year which is in line with the Allotment Maintenance Contribution being provided for maintenance for the next 20 years. The total spent so far is £3,166.03 of the £21,636.36 **Allotment Maintenance Contribution**.

2022 - Summary

- 2022 was a quiet year of recovery from the pandemic, re-establishing work routines and coping with a cost of living crisis and certain food shortages.
- War broke out in Ukraine following the Russian invasion in the Spring which, together with the effect of the pandemic, led to a cost of living crisis.
- Many plot holders found they had less time for their allotments as they had to return to their workplaces and take on extra work.
- Many plot owners struggled with the long, hot, dry summer which required heavy watering of crops. Climate change was evident.

Operational activities and achievements 2022

- A value for money fencing contractor was engaged to install a chain link fence along the residents' side of the Northfields site to match that on the other three existing sides. In addition to protecting the legal boundary of the Northfields site for the charity into the future, it ensures that the security of the site is not compromised should one of the wooden residents' fences or fences owned by Redrow be damaged in high wind, as happened in 2020. It will also ensure the safety of our plot holders by preventing the residents' wooden fence being blown down across the path and potentially hitting someone.
- South Northants Council announced that it would start charging £42 annually per bin for their green waste collection service, so this was paid for the Northfields' green bin from the Allotment Maintenance Contribution budget.
- Two generous plot holders at Church Lane site donated a brand new luxury shed to their site. A contractor was engaged to prepare the footing and erect the shed at the front of the orchard where it is hidden from view. This is important for security reasons as it is not possible to insure sheds and their contents within allotment insurance.
- Plumbing to the water butts at our Puxley Road site was improved and insulated to prevent pipes bursting in the Winter. This was paid for by Deanshanger Allotment Association.

Objectives and operational plans for the future across the sites

- The main objective is to maximise utilisation across all our sites. Maintaining the full utilisation at our Church Lane and Puxley Road sites enjoyed during the pandemic would be ideal but may not be sustainable as plot holders resume their previous work and social routines, and cope with the cost of living crisis and climate change.
- A further water butt is planned for next year at our Puxley Road site where there are twice as many plots as at our other two sites but only the same number of water butts.

Public benefit - achievements

Allotment gardening provides significant mental health benefits, good aerobic exercise and helps combat loneliness. This was important during the pandemic lockdowns as social distancing was easily achieved on an allotment site and many other benefits have been appreciated during furlough/staying at home such as:

- being out in the fresh air
- enjoying a more healthy lifestyle

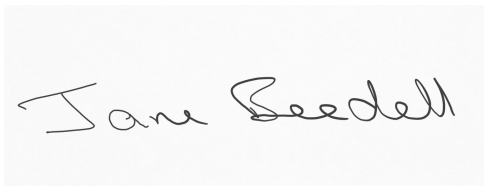
- acquiring new skills and knowledge
- a sense of achievement
- enjoying fresh produce free of chemicals
- meeting like-minded people
- making new friends
- enjoying contact with nature.

Northfields' Allotment site has attracted new plot holders not only from the adjacent estate but from all over the village of Deanshanger. This has facilitated the development of a new community of residents who have been able to witness first hand the development of the new site and to be the first gardeners to grow their own food on their plots. This has also further integrated those living on the new estate into the rest of the village and forged new friendship links based on common interests. Once the site is fully occupied and plots are more mature, all plot holders will be encouraged to help maintain the site and take an active role in the site caretaking team.

Plans for the future for public benefit

In the future we hope to be in a position to offer the opportunity to suitable local organisations / groups to advise and assist with building some raised beds for wheelchair access on a reserved area near the car park, so that village residents with mobility issues can also be afforded the opportunity to grow their own fruit and vegetables and enjoy being part of this new community of gardeners.

We have also been notified of the possibility of a new estate being built adjacent to the site. If planning permission is obtained, our Northfields site will be able to offer new residents plots within walking distance to their homes.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Beedell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jane Beedell
on behalf of all the trustees of
Deanshanger Allotments
Registered Charity No 1169612

Registered address: 18A The Green, Deanshanger, Milton Keynes, MK19 6HL

28/10/23



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1-Jan-22	To	31-Dec-22
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
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	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					

West Northants Council Green Bin Service		42	-	42	-
Erection of chainlink fence at Northfields Allotment Site		6,000	-	6,000	-
Transfer to Deanshanger Allotments Association for Northfields Site Maintenance	-	3,124	-	3,124	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	9,166	-	9,166	-

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
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	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	

Total payments	-	9,166	-	9,166	-
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Net of receipts/(payments)	-	9,166	-	9,166	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	32,078	-	32,078	32,078
Cash funds this year end	-	22,912	-	22,912	32,078

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash		22,912	-

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	-	-	-
Total cash funds	-	22,912	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Unrestricted funds

to nearest £

Restricted funds

to nearest £

Endowment funds

to nearest £

Details

B2 Other monetary assets

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	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details

B3 Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

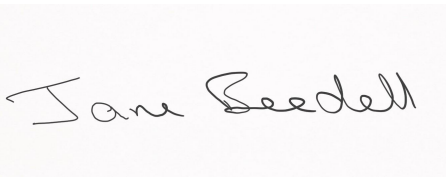
	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Land at Puxley Road, Church Lane and Northfields	Endowment	-	-
Perimeter chain link fencing, gates, two water butts, a wheelbarrow and a shed at Northfields site	Endowment	-	-

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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JANE BEEDELL	26 October 2023