

# THE MOAT GARDEN PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1169894

## Details

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Other names	THE MOAT GARDEN
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-10-25
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 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 CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET 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 VOLUNTEERING PROJECT.

**Activities:** THE MOAT GARDEN PROJECT OWNS AND OPERATES THE MOAT GARDEN IN CASTLE CARY SOMERSET. THIS IS A COMMUNITY GARDEN CREATED, CULTIVATED AND USED BY PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES. THE GARDEN IS OPEN TO ALL . OUR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE COMMUNITY GARDENING AND SUPPORT FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE INTERESTED IN GARDENING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS SUPPORTING COMMUNITY EVENTS.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Somerset

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£1,004	£296	-	-
2023-10-31	£968	£623	-	-
2022-10-31	£794	£114	-	-
2021-10-31	£562	£114	-	-
2020-10-31	£587	£204	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Elizabeth JELLIFFE		2016-10-10
Graham Philip House		2016-10-25
IDA ROSINA WEST		2016-10-10
RACHEL GARDNER		2025-05-22
ROGER LEONARD WELDHEN		2019-04-02

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# Accounts

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## **THE MOAT GARDEN PROJECT (“the Charity”)**

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#### **2. Governance**

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#### **3. Finance**

- 3.1. The financial position of the Charity is set out in the accounts annexed for the Period.
- 3.2. During the Period the charity received a total of £1,004.11 from all of its income sources and made total payments of £295.97 which resulted in £708.14 of income in excess of expenditure. The total cash funds of the charity at year end was £3,929.56.
- 3.3. On 4 May 2024 the trustees adopted a financial reserves policy. On 16 May 2024 the trustees agreed a minor revision to give greater clarity to the policy. The reserves policy is “ To accumulate and maintain sufficient reserves to fund a minimum of a year’s routine operating costs plus suitable provision of approximately £1000 for tree work”.
- 3.4. The charity trustees believe they have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission when exercising their powers and duties.

#### 4. Objectives

4.1. The principle objectives of the Charity are to improve the conditions of life of those residing in Castle Cary and surrounding areas by providing a community garden.

#### 5. Activities

5.1. Throughout the Period the Moat Garden has been open to the public for recreation, gardening and growing.

5.2. Details of the Charity's gardening and community involvement are contained in the Garden Report below.

Prepared and approved by the trustees on 30 April 2025

Anne Elizabeth Jelliffe

Roger Leonard Weldhen

Ida Rosina West

Graham Philip House

### **Moat Garden Project - Garden Report 2023/2024**

The Moat Garden continues to be used by the community, young and old, as a space to either get together and have fun or to sit and enjoy some peace and quiet amidst an abundance of flowers, insects and birds. Badgers still make their presence felt by making tracks and digging holes but are never actually seen.

The usual Xmas mulled cider sales were a big disappointment in December 23 due to lack of attendance at the community event. However the plant sales weekend continued to thrive and raise much needed funds.

The raised beds are no longer required by the primary school but were taken up by other members of Castle Cary including someone who lives in local sheltered housing. A further three beds were prepared and used by a parent from the primary school with a group of children from an after school club - plenty of plants were grown including mange tout and beans up wigwams, tomatoes, pumpkins and flowers. This parent however did struggle with lack of enthusiasm and support from other parents.

March once again saw a team of local Rotarians spending a morning working hard to bring some order to the Moat Garden. They coppiced larger Hazels, trimmed the field edge hedge and put the brash to good use in the dead hedges. They also helped repair the raised beds, compost bins and fallen fence.

Work was started on planting a snowdrop lawn which will be added to each year and we also continued sowing plug plants and tailoring the mowing regime to improve the wild meadow area. The trustees continue to work hard to promote the Moat Garden as a community space and to try and encourage new helpers.

**THE MOAT GARDEN PROJECT Charity no 1169894**  
**Accounts for the period 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024**

2022/2023

		£	
<b>Income received</b>	Cider stall sales	283.00	452.50
	Plant sales	609.51	484.22
	Grant from Cary Cares	58.98	
	Bank interest	52.62	31.57
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,004.11</b>	<b>968.29</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	Insurance	140.80	114.00
	Machinery		443.78
	Repairs & maintenance	115.17	65.11
	Signs	40.00	
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>295.97</b>	<b>622.89</b>

Balance at 1 November 2023	3,221.42
Excess of income over expenditure	708.14
<b>Balance at 31 October 2024</b>	<b>3,929.56</b>

**Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 October 2024**

**Fixed assets**

Freehold property valued at cost **12,000.00**

**Current assets**

Bank deposit account 3,584.19  
 Bank current account 345.37  
**3,929.56**

**Total assets** **15,929.56**

Graham P House  
 Treasurer and Trustee  
 02-Apr-25

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#### **3. Finance**

- 3.1. The financial position of the Charity is set out in the accounts annexed for the Period.
- 3.2. During the Period the charity received a total of £968.29 from all of its income sources and made total payments of £622.89 which resulted in £345.40 of income in excess of expenditure. The total cash funds of the charity at year end was £3221.42.
- 3.3. There is currently no financial reserves policy. A draft policy is in the course of formulation and the trustees anticipate its adoption during 2024/2025.
- 3.4. The charity trustees believe they have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission when exercising their powers and duties.

#### **4. Objectives**

4.1. The principle objectives of the Charity are to improve the conditions of life of those residing in Castle Cary and surrounding areas by providing a community garden.

5. Activities

5.1. Throughout the Period the Moat Garden has been open to the public for recreation, gardening and growing.

5.2. Details of the Charity's gardening and community involvement are contained in the Garden Report below.

Prepared and approved by the trustees on 26 February 2023

Anne Elizabeth Jelliffe  
Roger Leonard Weldhen  
Ida Rosina West  
Graham Philip House

### Moat Garden Project - Garden Report 2022/2023

The Moat Garden continues to provide a quiet peaceful place for residents of Castle Cary and for walkers coming down from Lodge Hill, also a slightly more noisy place for local teenagers to get together. Whilst the small meadow area continues to fill with increasing numbers of wildflowers; other smaller areas are being plug planted to increase the diversity. Evidence of badger visits, small mammals, sights and sounds of insect and bird life are always present.

Castle Cary primary school was still unable to find the time and resources in their busy curriculum to make use of the raised beds so these were offered to the wider community. Uptake was poor this year despite contact with the preschool group and the scouts, with only 2 beds being used by new members. The remaining beds were filled with cuttings for sale in May and with spare vegetable seedlings which were grown on and given to anyone who had a use for them including the local food hub.

The majority of the gardening continued to be carried out by 2 trustees with the assistance of the users of the raised beds whilst able assistance with some of the heavier coppicing and mending was again given by Rotary. The overall structure and layout of the garden continues to improve and make maintenance slightly easier.

This year's successful Xmas mulled cider sales and May plant sales enabled the trustees to abandon the heavy and polluting strimmer which was beyond repair and purchase a battery operated brush cutter and mower.

Overall, despite the wet weather last year the garden was appreciated and enjoyed by all who visited whether they wanted to sit and watch the wildlife or have their coffee or lunch.

The trustees continue to advertise the amenity in the local newsletter and town website in the hopes that other gardeners will be forthcoming.

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**Accounts for the period 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023**

		£	<i>2021/2022</i>
<b>Income received</b>	Cider stall sales	452.50	436.80
	Plant sales	484.22	357.01
	Bank interest	31.57	
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>968.29</b>	<b>793.81</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	Insurance	114.00	114.00
	Machinery	443.78	
	Repairs & maintenance	65.11	
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>622.89</b>	<b>114.00</b>
Balance at 1 November 2022		2,876.02	
Excess of income over expenditure		345.40	
<b>Balance at 31 October 2023</b>		<b>3,221.42</b>	

**Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 October 2023**

<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Freehold property	valued at cost	<b>12,000.00</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Bank deposit account	3,031.57	
Bank current account	189.85	
		<b>3,221.42</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>15,221.42</b>

Graham P House  
Treasurer and Trustee  
14-Nov-23

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## THE MOAT GARDEN PROJECT (“the Charity”)

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#### 3. Finance

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- 3.2. During the Period the charity received a total of £793.81 from all of its income sources and made total payments of £114.00 which resulted in £679.81 of income in excess of expenditure. The total cash funds of the charity at year end was £2,876.02
- 3.3. There is currently no financial reserves policy; the trustees have plans to implement one in 2023.
- 3.4. The charity trustees believe they have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission when exercising their powers and duties.

#### 4. Objectives

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#### 5. Activities

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Prepared and approved by the trustees on 8 March 2023

Anne Elizabeth Jelliffe            Ida Rosina West  
Roger Leonard Weldhen.        Graham Philip House

## Moat Garden Project - Garden Report 2021/22

This year saw the lifting of most Covid restrictions and local people, keen to return to a more normal life, regularly used the garden as a social meeting place whilst visitors to Castle Cary popped in just to take a look.

The community's enthusiasm for going out led to the best ever fund raising effort selling mulled cider at Castle Cary Big Christmas in December. Whilst our garden gate plant sale in May has become a fixture in the calendar of many local gardeners and also raised record income.

Once again pressure on their timetable meant that Castle Cary Primary School was unable to use any of the raised beds, although we will continue to offer the use of this facility in future years. Local residents including children of various ages continued to use some of the beds as a place to enjoy an outside space whilst growing all manner of vegetables and, for the first time, wild flowers. The growing season started well but the summer heatwave and drought followed by a very wet autumn was challenging, however this fenced area continues to improve with regular use. The beds remain tidy, paths are clear of pernicious weeds and the fruit area provides some pickings.

Lifting of Covid restrictions in the new year also meant that a group of Rotary volunteers armed with saws and loppers could gather to assist with annual heavy maintenance including coppicing several Hazels, cutting and putting in stakes to create a dead hedge for wildlife where several fence panels had fallen down in the February storms, trimming the hawthorn hedge on the field edge, rebuilding the compost bins using old pallets and removing ivy and scrub from around the yew tree as suggested by the tree advisor. This much needed support from our local Rotary Club was hugely appreciated.

Maintenance of fences and raised beds was kept up to date, but although tree work was assessed and quoted for by specialists in 2020 it still has to be approved by the council and carried out.

We continued to have help with grass cutting which was very much appreciated but we are still too small a team of workers to realise the full potential of the garden. Despite this the garden bloomed throughout the year. Rampant weeds diminished with the regular onslaught and cultivated areas were kept tidy. Native species daffodils, fritillaries and summer wild flowers continued to establish in the meadow areas which not only benefited wildlife but also reduced the need for regular mowing.



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- 3.1. The financial position of the Charity is set out in the accounts annexed for the Period.
- 3.2. During the Period the charity received a total of £561.75 from all of its income sources and made total payments of £114.00 which resulted in £447.75 of income in excess of expenditure. The total cash funds of the charity at year end was £2,196.21.
- 3.3. There is currently no financial reserves policy.
- 3.4. The charity trustees believe they have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission when exercising their powers and duties.

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Prepared and approved by the trustees on 11 March 2022

Anne Elizabeth Jelliffe  
Roger Leonard Weldhen  
Ida Rosina West  
Graham Philip House

### Moat Garden Project - Garden Report Nov 2020/21

As with all charitable projects, Covid restrictions in 2021 continued to severely curtail some of the usual activities in the Moat Garden, however some funds were still raised and the garden was cared for and well used.

Castle Cary Big Christmas in December usually provides us with much needed income but this year was cancelled. Various Covid restrictions remained throughout the year and we were again unable to hold our usual Saturday morning plant sale at the Market House. Following our success the previous year we repeated the weekend of plant sales at the Trustees' garden gates. This sale is now sought out by the community and raised much needed income.

Government restrictions for school children meant that Castle Cary Primary School was unable to use any of the raised beds. Local residents continued to use eight of the beds as a place to enjoy an outside space whilst growing all manner of vegetables from Potatoes to Cucurbits. Success was variable due to the cold spring and very wet summer but enthusiasm was never dampened. This fenced area continues to improve with regular use. The beds remain tidy, paths are clear of pernicious weeds and the fruit area is now providing some pickings even if the majority is taken by the birds.

Major cutting back of the overgrown hedges and trees bordering Lodge Hill was undertaken. The aim being to create a dense and varied habitat for wildlife while letting more sunlight into the garden. We were pleased to have another student working towards his Duke of Edinburgh award who assisted us with this task.

Maintenance of fences and raised beds was kept up to date, but although tree work was assessed and quoted for by specialists in 2020 it has yet to be approved by the council and carried out.

We continued to have help with grass cutting which was very much appreciated but we are still too small a team of workers to realise the full potential of the garden. Despite this the garden bloomed throughout the year. Previously rampant weeds were kept down, cultivated areas were kept tidy and a new bed was cut in the grass and planted with colourful annuals. Two "meadow" areas continued to establish which not only benefited wildlife but also reduced the need for regular maintenance.

Throughout another difficult year the Moat Garden has continued to provide a welcome space for the community to use when so many other places were restricted.

**THE MOAT GARDEN PROJECT Charity no 1169894**  
**Accounts for the period 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021**

		£
Income received	Plant sales	541.75
	Donation	20.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>561.75</b>

Expenditure	Insurance	114.00
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>114.00</b>

Balance at 1 November 2020	1,748.46
Excess of income over expenditure	447.75
<b>Balance at 31 October 2021</b>	<b>2,196.21</b>

**Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 October 2021**

**Fixed assets**

Freehold property	valued at cost	<b>12,000.00</b>
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**Current assets**

balance at bank	2,192.19	
cash in hand	4.02	
		<b>2,196.21</b>

<b>Total assets</b>		<b>14,196.21</b>
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Graham P House  
Treasurer and Trustee  
05-Mar-22

**THE MOAT GARDEN PROJECT**

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#### 3. Finance

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- 3.2. During the Period the charity received a total of £586.90 from all of its income sources and made total payments of £204.23 which resulted in £382.67 of income in excess of expenditure. The total cash funds of the charity at year end was £1748.46
- 3.3. There is currently no financial reserves policy.
- 3.4. The charity trustees believe they have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission when exercising their powers and duties.

#### 4. Objectives

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#### 5. Covid 19

- 5.1. The Charity's 2020 AGM was held remotely using Zoom only on 17 September 2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

5.2. The trustees' decision to hold a remote AGM using Zoom only was reached having regard to guidance issued by HM Government and the Charity Commission.

## 6. Activities

6.1. Throughout the Period the Moat Garden has been open to the public for recreation, gardening and growing.

6.2. Details of the Charity's gardening and community involvement are contained in the Garden Report below.

Prepared and approved by the trustees on 16 May 2021

Anne Elizabeth Jelliffe  
Roger Leonard Weldhen  
Ida Rosina West  
Graham Philip House

## Moat Garden Project - Garden Report Nov 2019/20

As with all charitable projects, Covid restrictions in 2020 severely curtailed some of the usual activities in the Moat Garden, but with a little creative thinking funds were still raised and the garden was cared for and well used.

Castle Cary Big Christmas in early December saw trustees selling mulled wine kindly donated by Henry Hobhouse and the cold evening meant that we ran out of cider and a good sum was raised. However, Covid restrictions were in place by May and we were unable to hold our usual Saturday morning plant sale at the Market House. Undeterred we held a very successful 3 day plant sale at our garden gates, raising more money than previous years. This format will be repeated in 2021.

Intermittent school closures meant that Castle Cary Primary School was unable to use any of the raised beds as planned. The empty beds were offered to the community and 6 were used for vegetable growing with great success. The small children loved sowing seeds and finally picking and eating produce whilst the oldest gardener enjoyed working in the quiet covid free space during early mornings. This fenced area continues to improve with regular use. The beds remain tidy, paths are clear of pernicious weeds and the fruit area has been brought back to good order.

An entry about the Moat Garden plus recipes and comments submitted by all these gardeners were included in the Castle Cary Community Cook Book which was published during lockdown. We have also been pleased to support a student working towards her Duke of Edinburgh award by completing tasks to benefit the community.

Maintenance of fences and raised beds was kept up to date and the area around the yew tree was cleared of scrub as advised, but although tree work was assessed and quoted for by specialists it has yet to be carried out.

We welcomed a new regular helper for grass cutting but we are still too small a team of workers to realise the full potential of the garden. Despite this the garden bloomed throughout the year, previously rampant weeds were kept down and cultivated areas were increased. Two "meadow" areas continued to establish which not only benefited wildlife but also reduced the need for regular maintenance.

Throughout this difficult year the Moat Garden has provided space for the community to use when so many other places were restricted. Many new people discovered it as a place for photo shoots, outdoor meetings, picnics or as a place to play. Whilst others enjoyed quiet reflection in fresh early morning or evening stillness.

**THE MOAT GARDEN PROJECT Charity no 1169894**  
**Accounts for the period 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020**

		£
Income received	Cider stall sales	278.50
	Plant sales	308.40
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>586.90</b>

Expenditure	Insurance	114.00
	Garden supplies	55.43
	Fence repair	34.80
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>204.23</b>

Balance at 1 November 2019	1,365.79
Excess of income over expenditure	382.67
<b>Balance at 31 October 2020</b>	<b>1,748.46</b>

**Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 October 2020**

**Fixed assets**

Freehold property	valued at cost	<b>12,000.00</b>
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**Current assets**

balance at bank	1,744.44	
cash in hand	4.02	
		<b>1,748.46</b>

<b>Total assets</b>	<b>13,748.46</b>
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Graham P House  
Treasurer and Trustee  
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