

HAWBUSH COMMUNITY GARDENS

England & Wales · Charity number 1170413

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-11-28

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF BRIERLEY HILL (DY5) AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.2. TO FURTHER SUCH OTHER PURPOSES AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES UNDER THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE

Activities: To provide recreational facilities to residents of DY5 and surrounding area who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

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
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dudley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£7,588	£4,288	-	-
2023-12-31	£6,776	£7,185	-	-
2022-12-31	£3,695	£2,378	-	-
2021-12-31	£4,692	£2,841	-	-
2020-12-31	£1,094	£3,242	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amy Wager	Chair	2025-02-24
Alice Mary Cope		2025-03-24
Bradley Thomas		2026-02-13
Josephine Gray		2025-02-13
Rachael Othala		2026-02-13

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Accounts



2024 Trustees Report

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024

Organisational structure

Hawbush Community Gardens is constituted as a CIO – Foundation. Charity Registration: **1170413**

Address: Bull Street, Brierley Hill, West Midlands, DY5 3NQ

Trustees during 2024:

Ken Smith	Chair	
Michelle Betteridge	Secretary	Resigned 1 st February 2024
David Hadley		Resigned 8 th May 2024
John Merrick	Appointed 8 th May 2024	Resigned 15 th November 2024
Jason Bloomer	Appointed 8 th May 2024	
Tracey Hingley	Appointed 8 th May 2024	

Objectives and Activities

- 1 To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Brierley Hill (DY5) and surrounding areas the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.
- 2 To further such other purposes as are exclusively charitable purposes under the laws of England and Wales as the Trustees from time to time decide.

Main Activities

The past year has been a busy and exciting period in the life of the gardens, with the long term engagement between our landlord, Dudley MBC and the trustees of Hawbush Community Gardens, nearing the end of negotiations. The trustees have agreed to take responsibility for the care and management of the site under the terms of the long term lease, which we are hoping will finally be signed in 2025.

There have been a number of challenges throughout the year, with a number of long-term trustees stepping down, and the additional challenges of running an increasingly busy site and the increased attendance of groups and individuals. But we have been blessed with a number of different community initiatives taking place in and around the gardens which have allowed the gardens to continue to make a positive impact on the community and the families and individuals who have been able to enjoy the facilities and connect with nature whilst attending at Hawbush Community Gardens.

EKHO Collective have again been a brilliant asset to the gardens this year, facilitating a number of community projects on a weekly, monthly and drop in basis, including a Social Prescribing Community Cooking & Craft group, which ran from June-December 2024, which saw roughly 185 attendees over those months. Another 30 attendees came to the Winter activity afternoons in collaboration with Canal

and River Trust, including the Dudley College SEN group. They worked in partnership with Black Country Touring and the Brierley Hill Cultural Consortium and Wildworks to host a number of gatherings, which saw up to 200 attendees over 4 different sessions enjoying community singing, a poetry gathering and picnic. EKHO Collective also successfully gained funding from the West Midlands Combined Authority to install a community compost toilet, share shack and build a cob oven from September 2024 onwards which are important assets to our gardens. A Green Week Community Open day was also hosted welcoming over 250 visitors to the Gardens.

Amblecote Christian Church also continued to host family events throughout 2024, with up to 100 attendees at each of the 6 family afternoons. The majority of these attendees live within DY5 and the area surrounding the community gardens. At one summer event, 12 young people from the church assisted with the set up, running of activities and clearing up, and did a fantastic job. We are grateful to ACC for all the hard work and fantastic food and activities they organise at these events.

Mom's Mindful Hub also continued to use the Hawbush meadow for their Nature play group throughout March-Nov 2024, which saw a number of parents with young children receive mental health support whilst providing a safe and engaging place for their children to learn and play. Feedback for this group has been incredibly positive and we are looking to work closely with this group in the future to widen its reach and engagement within the gardens.

Towards the end of the year, we were able to secure funding through Dudley CVS Integrated Plus to set up a "Gardening Club Plus" group, to provide practical support and training for social prescribing referrals, as well as new and existing volunteers. These volunteers have been crucial in keeping the gardens ticking along, working tirelessly on many days to tidy, trim, paint, build and maintain the large site.

Part of our work is centred around 26 allotment plots, all of which are currently tenanted. Just over half (16) of these plots are now under group tenancy which is beneficial, not only in terms of plot use and management, but in relation to community engagement.

With significantly increasing costs as a result of added Leaseholder responsibilities for the site, an increase of the annual plot fee from January 2025, amongst other charges, was agreed by the trustees.

Daily logging of on-site hours has continued and gives an indication of the increasing impact of Hawbush Gardens on the community, providing opportunity for enjoyment and growing activity in a beautiful location and impacting positively on health and well-being of large numbers of people, of all ages. Based on total hours worked by month and average hours /day, the **total volunteer hours for 2024 was 10,600. Overall daily averages were 29 hours per day for 2024.**

Achievements and Performance

As in previous years, the trustees need to record our thanks for the major volunteer (regular and short-term groups) input & contribution to the maintenance requirements and development work in HCG, as they have again ensured that our gardens continue to remain a place of belonging, friendship and welcome.

We have again supported Pens Meadow School, with weekly attendance of pupils with severe and profound learning difficulties, working with the staff and pupils to help them achieve their full potential. The sessions encourage the pupils to be active participants at the gardens, working hard, cultivating their own allotment plot, in spreading wood chip around the site, in leaf clearance on the car-park and in maintenance of Queens Memorial Garden.

The regular input by young people through Dudley YJS and their leaders has also made a significant impact throughout the year, e.g. in hedge cutting, pathway maintenance and being willing to undertake "whatever is needed." Not only their hard work, but some of the feedback from the youngsters on reparation has been a great encouragement.

Students from Dudley College also visit regularly with their group of Animal Care students who have SEND. They regularly come down to enjoy the gardens, eat their lunch and tend to their plot. The tutor in charge has volunteered at several community events and also supported the gardens in other ways.

HCG volunteers gave significant support to Dudley Stroke Association -who welcome participants onto their allotment weekly -,with installation of an accessible pathway around the DSA plot and in the installation of three large raised beds and some benches for seating. Some practical support provided with Dudley College students, in the installation of pathway edging and in propagation and planting.

As part of the original vision for Hawbush Gardens, we continue to supply freshly grown fruit and vegetables to the Black Country Food Bank (potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, vegetables, fruit). HCG food donations in 2024, were 502kg, with 2024 a notable year for potatoes - 187kg, cucumbers – 82kg, tomatoes - 45kg. Fresh produce is always very well received and is very popular amongst the people who access the foodbank provision, particularly freshly dug potatoes, cucumbers and courgettes. Over the 8 years, 2017 to 2024 inclusive, a total of 2.25 tonnes of fresh produce have been donated to Food Bank and local families, an average of 281 kg per year.

Financial Review

Principal sources of income included receipts from Allotment Fees, Donations, Grants and Hire Charges which are used to sustain the availability of the facilities for the benefit of the community.

Policy on Reserves

The policy agreed by the trustees is to hold in unrestricted reserves not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (the 'free' reserves) sufficient to cover the general overhead expenses and salary costs not specifically funded by external agencies, for a period of six months. At this level, the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. It would then be necessary to consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed. The amount of 'free' reserves at 31st December 2024 amounted to £8402 which equates to 23.5 months.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 8th July 2025, and signed on their behalf by



Amy Wager

Chair of Trustees

Hawbush Community Gardens

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
0400 - Donations	4,737.12	-	-	4,737.12	131.72
Donations and legacies Totals	4,737.12	-	-	4,737.12	131.72
Income from charitable activities					
0100 - Allotment & Woodland Fees	752.50	-	-	752.50	780.00
0200 - Room Hire	295.00	-	-	295.00	520.00
0220 - Events & Activities	360.00	-	-	360.00	180.00
0300 - Grants	-	-	1,100.00	1,100.00	4,500.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	1,407.50	-	1,100.00	2,507.50	5,980.00
Other trading activities					
0600 - Other Income	289.70	-	-	289.70	665.11
Other trading activities Totals	289.70	-	-	289.70	665.11
Investments					
0700 - Interest	54.04	-	-	54.04	-
Investments Totals	54.04	-	-	54.04	-
Income and endowments Grand totals	6,488.36	-	1,100.00	7,588.36	6,776.83
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities					
2000 - Garden Equipment & Tools	1,022.82	-	-	1,022.82	5,269.27
2006 - Toiletries & Consumables	14.32	-	-	14.32	10.20
2010 - Repairs & Maintenance	477.07	-	-	477.07	897.12
2020 - Utilities	228.15	-	-	228.15	236.88
2021 - Insurance	489.77	-	-	489.77	454.54
2040 - Licenses & Subscriptions	180.00	-	-	180.00	150.00
2050 - Accountancy & Professional Fees	1,875.67	-	-	1,875.67	152.39
3000 - Bank & Finance Charges	-	-	-	-	15.40
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	4,287.80	-	-	4,287.80	7,185.80
Expenditure Grand totals	4,287.80	-	-	4,287.80	7,185.80

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4,737.12	-	-	4,737.12	131.72
Income from charitable activities	1,407.50	1,100.00	-	2,507.50	5,980.00
Other trading activities	289.70	-	-	289.70	665.11
Investments	54.04	-	-	54.04	-
Total income	6,488.36	1,100.00	-	7,588.36	6,776.83
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	4,287.80	-	-	4,287.80	7,185.80
Total expenditure	4,287.80	-	-	4,287.80	7,185.80
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	2,200.56	1,100.00	-	3,300.56	(408.97)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	2,200.56	1,100.00	-	3,300.56	(408.97)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	6,201.28	-	-	6,201.28	6,610.25
Total funds carried forward	8,401.84	1,100.00	-	9,501.84	6,201.28
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General Fund	8,401.84	-	-	8,401.84	6,201.28
Restricted					
Dudley CVS Spring Into Action 24-25	-	1,100.00	-	1,100.00	-
Total funds	8,401.84	1,100.00	-	9,501.84	6,201.28

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Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Current assets		
7001: Current Account - Metro	2,147.80	6,201.28
7002: Deposit Account - Metro	7,354.04	-
Total Current assets	9,501.84	6,201.28
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	9,501.84	6,201.28
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	3,300.56	(408.97)
Z01: Starting balances	6,201.28	6,610.25
Total Reserves	9,501.84	6,201.28

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	8,401.84	6,201.28
Restricted	1,100.00	-
Total	9,501.84	6,201.28

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Main Activities

It is clear that, through reputation and increasing links and contacts in the community, the reach and impact of Hawbush Community Gardens continue to grow – especially so, over the last two years. Interest in the gardens is reflected in estimated attendance numbers and logging of on-site hours. These data have continued to show increasing interest in allotment plots following COVID lockdown and, also by group attendance as well as volunteer numbers. Data summarised here for 2023, show total a total of 11,800 volunteer hours for 2023 (cf. 13,662 for 2022). Overall on-site hours, for 2023, were 32.3 hrs/day.

During 2023, a total attendance of 342 volunteers were estimated from the numbers recorded via the on-site work logging. Not a completely accurate estimate but an indication of the interest, attendance and engagement. Allowance for the large number (38) of volunteers from the community attending the two litter picking days; 33 ACC volunteers who assisted across the 5 family afternoons; 30 from Pens Meadow School (staff & students); 20 from Dudley College (staff & students); ca. 25 from Dudley Stroke Association and a large number (>50) of EHKO “regulars”, with those referrals who worked as volunteers; the estimates still indicate a valuable input during the year of almost 150 volunteers, even though some (e.g. work experience, CVS taster volunteers, or YJS youngsters) will have attended only for one day. We still value their contribution and hope they have been impacted positively by their experience.

During 2023, a total of five family events were held, with a Community Family picnic scheduled for late August unfortunately cancelled due to wet weather. The events consistently well attended, with all family tickets booked within a couple of hours of posting. Always very positive feedback from attending families; well organised and supported by a great team of volunteers (ACC, EKHO, HCG). The summer event (17th Aug) was organised during the ACC/CITC Mission week, with about 12 young people from “Mission” helping with set-up, running activities and clearing up.

Since early March, the mother and toddler support group, Mom’s Mindful Hub has been running, with increased numbers. Nature Stay and Play is aimed at mothers and their families. The group has a focus on mental wellbeing and aims to promote connection between both parent and child and parent to parent through child led play and nature-based activities. The group had taken over the vacant allotment plot adjacent to the “Art Garden” paddock, an additional interest for some of the moms and older children. A winter break taken from end of November until a planned re-start in the spring.

Through the woodland space, EKHO CIC have linked with other community groups to run/support workshops with natural and sustainable craft activities. EKHO also continued to run the Friday support sessions for the social prescribing referrals and on behalf of Dudley CVS Integrated Plus. A Home Education Group (age range 10-17) was run from September; activities including craft/ green woodwork and cooking. Hot plant-based meal and drinks included. The group was privately funded by participant payments and had a high proportion of additional physical/SEN needs. Subsequently, another group (age range 3 - 6 and 7 – 9) launched due to demand. Tutor led activities include craft/ green woodwork and cooking for higher age group, with self-led play and craft provided for younger age group.

Achievements and Performance

We are pleased and excited to report the near completion of the EKHO sensory, Wellbeing Garden, with a well-attended, official "opening event" held 24th September; the result of great vision, significant ambition, some innovative planning by one of the EKHO directors and much hard work by a dedicated team of volunteers. We look forward to the practical realisation of this vision in helping the vulnerable group with severely restricted mobility towards improved physical health and wellbeing.

In the woodland, the roundhouse shelter now completed, but for a raised cover/dome over the centre vent and some waterproofing. The shelter now in regular use for groups and activities. A temporary tarpaulin cover over the outdoor woodworking workshop now allowing a range of craft and cooking activities to run on a regular basis.

The substantial accumulation of waste & rubbish of all kinds, a major problem along the site margins, was completely cleared through the organization of two very successful "community litter pick"/rubbish removal events in March. Our thanks are due also to Dudley Council for organising removal from the site, by several truck loads.

As part of the original vision for Hawbush Gardens, we have continued to supply freshly grown fruit and veg. in season (potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, vegetables, fruit); donations in 2023, were 435kg. Over the 7 years, 2017 to 2023 inclusive, a total of 1.75 tonnes of fresh produce have been donated to Foodbank and local families, an average of 250kg per year.

Financial Review

Principal sources of income included receipts from Allotment Fees, Donations, Grants and Hire Charges which are used to sustain the availability of the facilities for the benefit of the community.

Policy on reserves

The policy agreed by the trustees is to aim to hold in unrestricted reserves not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (the 'free' reserves) sufficient to cover the general overhead expenses and salary costs not specifically funded by external agencies, for a period of six months. At this level, the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. It would then be necessary to consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed. The amount of 'free' reserves at 31st December 2023 amounted to £6201 which equates to 10.35 months.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

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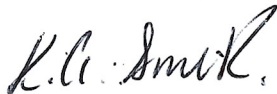
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Approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

8th May 2024



Ken Smith
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Trustee

Hawbush Community Gardens
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	131.72	-	131.72	2,012.00
Income from charitable activities	5,980.00	-	5,980.00	1,440.00
Other trading activities	665.11	-	665.11	243.00
Total income	6,776.83	-	6,776.83	3,695.00
Expenditure on:				
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,185.80	-	7,185.80	2,378.24
Total expenditure	7,185.80	-	7,185.80	2,378.24
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(408.97)	-	(408.97)	1,316.76
Transfers:				
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(408.97)	-	(408.97)	1,316.76
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	6,610.25	-	6,610.25	5,293.49
Total funds carried forward	6,201.28	-	6,201.28	6,610.25
Represented by				
Unrestricted				
General Fund	6,201.28	-	6,201.28	6,610.25
Total funds	6,201.28	-	6,201.28	6,610.25

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Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Current assets		
7000: Current Account - HSBC	-	6,610.25
7001: Current Account - Metro	6,201.28	-
Total Current assets	6,201.28	6,610.25
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	6,201.28	6,610.25
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	(408.97)	-
Z01: Starting balances	6,610.25	6,610.25
Total Reserves	6,201.28	6,610.25

Represented by Funds		
General (Unrestricted)	6,201.28	6,610.25
Total	6,201.28	6,610.25

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	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
0400 - Donations	131.72	-	-	-	131.72	2,012.00
0500 - Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations and legacies Totals	131.72	-	-	-	131.72	2,012.00
Income from charitable activities						
0100 - Allotment & Woodland Fees	780.00	-	-	-	780.00	880.00
0200 - Room Hire	520.00	-	-	-	520.00	560.00
0220 - Events & Activities	180.00	-	-	-	180.00	-
0300 - Grants	4,500.00	-	-	-	4,500.00	-
Income from charitable activities Totals	5,980.00	-	-	-	5,980.00	1,440.00
Other trading activities						
0600 - Other Income	665.11	-	-	-	665.11	243.00
Other trading activities Totals	665.11	-	-	-	665.11	243.00
Investments						
Investments Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income						
Other income Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income and endowments Grand totals	6,776.83	-	-	-	6,776.83	3,695.00
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds						
Raising funds Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities						
2000 - Garden Equipment & Tools	5,269.27	-	-	-	5,269.27	1,185.88
2006 - Toiletries & Consumables	10.20	-	-	-	10.20	467.56
2010 - Repairs & Maintenance	897.12	-	-	-	897.12	402.59
2020 - Utilities	236.88	-	-	-	236.88	258.61
2021 - Insurance	454.54	-	-	-	454.54	-
2030 - Volunteer Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
2040 - Licenses & Subscriptions	150.00	-	-	-	150.00	-
2050 - Accountancy & Professional Fees	152.39	-	-	-	152.39	-
3000 - Bank & Finance Charges	15.40	-	-	-	15.40	63.60
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	7,185.80	-	-	-	7,185.80	2,378.24

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Other expenditure						
Other expenditure Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure Grand totals	7,185.80	-	-	-	7,185.80	2,378.24

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Main Activities

During 2022 activities and operations have continued to gain momentum in numbers of people visiting, attending group activities and our regular Hawbush Family Afternoons. In the latter part of the year, interest in the gardens increased significantly within the Hawbush and Brierley Hill Communities and more widely, as a result of the Queens Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS), the Queens Green Canopy Award and through our contact with other community groups and local forums. This interest was reflected in estimated attendance numbers; total hours for 2022 recorded at 13,882 (cf. 7,450 for 2021), representing on average 37.4 hrs/day (20.4 hrs/day for 2021). An estimated total of 205 HCG volunteers, assisted with activities during the year; also an estimate of 215 EKHO CIC/Integrated Plus volunteers and referrals.

During 2022, a total of seven family events were held, including a HAF Christmas event, joint with Harry's Café. The events consistently well attended with very positive feedback from attending families; a pre-registration booking procedure is necessary to ensure attendance numbers are restricted to within manageable levels, for the volunteers we have available.

Since early March, the mother and toddler support group, Mom's Mindful Hub has been running. Nature Stay and Play is aimed at mothers and their families. The group has a focus on mental wellbeing and aims to promote connection between both parent and child and parent to parent through child led play and nature-based activities. The primary target audience is mothers who are facing mental health challenges and social isolation. Weekly attendance varies with the weather, but sometimes over 15 families represented. Interest and popularity of the group has increased during the year and they received recognition in Dudley CVS Spotlight Awards, November 2022.

Dudley CVS Integrated Plus and EKHO CIC volunteers have continued to run the Friday support group throughout the year, with on average 10 adults attending and 10 volunteer staff (allotment project). Later in the year, a Wednesday session initiated, a closed group for more vulnerable adults, with an average of 10 clients each week.

The woodland space, through EKHO and IP volunteers has made a considerable contribution to both community engagement and the profile of Hawbush Gardens throughout the year, with craft activities organised at the family events during the year. The EKHO group have also linked with other community groups to run/support workshops with natural and sustainable craft activities. Two very successful "Woodland Folk evenings" were also organised, with food, fellowship and singing around the bonfire, with over 30 attending, many new to Hawbush Gardens. Further progress was made in the development of the sensory garden (therapeutic horticulture project); the aim to provide gardening activity and OT support for those with limited mobility, for whom there is limited provision at present.

The music group, organised by Integrated Plus, has continued to meet in the community building, Wednesday pm.

Achievements and Performance

Renovation work on the large pond (begun in autumn/winter 2021), progressed well following re-lining and channelling of the spring water inflow, with some landscaping around the margins. The pond has become, both an attractive feature and a powerful draw for wildlife; with a range of bird species, aquatic plants and supporting a thriving population of newts, frogs, dragon flies and many other insects. The recently established lavender bed is attractive to bees and other pollinating insects.

A local bee-keeper has continued to make regular visits to manage the hives located in the main orchard. In August, with the help of the bee-keeper, we were able to harvest our second batch of "Hawbush Honey". In 2022 over 7 litres of honey were collected and sold in small jars; in total 33 jars, which were very popular with volunteers, visitors and local residents and sold without any promotional effort, raising a total of £165.

Following some hard work by young volunteers from Princes Trust and the High Oak Community Project, an attractive clearing has been created on the raised area overlooking the art garden and woodland to NE and picnic area to SW. This site was chosen by the family of a former Hawbush resident for a memorial bench and, also, for the Queens Jubilee Green Canopy planting, the latter in the presence of WM Deputy Lieutenant, Mayor of Dudley, Mike Wood (MP) and Cllr Adam Davies. A special tree was also be planted in this location in memory of Sheridan Jones, TCT Connect Project, who sadly died of COVID in December, 2021.

As part of the original vision for Hawbush Gardens, we have continued to supply freshly grown fruit and vegetables to the Black Country Foodbank and some families in the community; in 2022, a total of 241kg of produce (potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, vegetables and fruit).

Based on feedback from groups and records of events held throughout the year, an estimate of the number of people in the community impacted (positively) by the work of the volunteers and community groups on Hawbush Gardens has been drawn together, as follows:

HCG volunteers - 205

EKHO referrals & volunteers - 215

Family events – estimated 50 families – 200

Mom's Mindful Hub including children - 100

TCT Connect Project- 15

Plot holders & families - 40

Pens Meadow students - 40

Dudley YJS rep. - 20

Gardens in community - 10

Foodbank (indirect) - 30

Hence a TOTAL = 875 (approx.)

The Queens Award for Voluntary Service, was announced on 2nd June, anniversary of The Queen's Coronation. The Celebration of The Queen's Award was held at the Birmingham Hippodrome, 30th October 2022. A glass fronted display case has been made for the crystal and mounted in the Community Building, alongside the QAVS Certificate, personally signed by Her Majesty.

Financial Review

Principal sources of income included receipts from Allotment Fees, Donations, Grants and Hire Charges which are used to sustain the availability of the facilities for the benefit of the community.

Policy on reserves

The policy agreed by the trustees is to aim to hold in unrestricted reserves not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (the 'free' reserves) sufficient to cover the general overhead expenses and salary costs not specifically funded by external agencies, for a period of six months. At this level, the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. It would then be necessary to consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed. The amount of 'free' reserves at 31st December 2022 amounted to £6610 which equates to 33.35 months.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by

05/09/23
K. A. Smith

Ken Smith
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

HAWBUSH COMMUNITY GARDENS				
Cash in hand as at 31st December 2021				£5293.49
Year to 31st December 2022				
INCOME				
Plots Fee		880		
Sales		203		
Donations		2012		
Room Hire		560		
Sundry		40		
		0		
TOTAL INCOME				3695.00
EXPENDITURE				
HB Project		0		
Maintenance		402.59		
Gardens		1185.88		
Utilities		258.61		
Social		0		
Charges		63.6		
Sundry		467.56		
TOTAL EXPENSES				2378.24
Cash in hand as at 31 Dec 2022				6610.25

HAWBUSH COMMUNITY GARDENS

England & Wales - Charity number 1170413

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
01	01	2021	31	12	2021

From To

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	KEN SMITH	Chair		
2	MICHELLE BETTERIDGE	Secretary/Treasurer		
3	TREVOR COUNLEY			
4	SERENA CRAIGIE			
5	DAVID HADLEY			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

CIO - Foundation
Appointed by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF BRIERLEY HILL (DY5) AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE

CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.
2. TO FURTHER SUCH OTHER PURPOSES AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES UNDER THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

The gardens welcomed back both past and new groups following the easing of restrictions imposed by the pandemic in 2020.

Both allotment areas are fully occupied (25 in total). A number of external groups opted for an allotment tenancy to provide a focused outdoor activity for many of their sessions. Allotments also provide produce for our local foodbank and wider community.

We hosted 5 Family Afternoon events during 2021. These events are increasing in popularity, and measures were introduced to restrict numbers for safe distancing. A 'pre-registration' ticket system was put into operation (at no cost), plus a reserve list for those families that had missed the registration process.

Although there was no resurrection of the 'After School Gardening Club', we welcomed a group of children with Additional Needs from Maple Tree, Hawbush Primary School, who enjoyed onsite activities for a period of time. Regrettably logistics of school time and volunteer availability brought an end to those sessions after a short period

Youth Offenders Scheme returned, albeit with a smaller group who attended one day per week.

Towards the end of 2021, Dudley CVS 'Integrated Plus' group joined us, initially leasing one of our allotments for the purpose of supporting socially prescribed individuals. From Integrated Plus a further group developed, Ecko Collective and together they landscaped and adapted a section of the woodland to create an outdoor meeting space which provides a safe base for therapeutic work with natural and sustainable crafts. The group also built an outdoor 'compost' toilet. This group supports many NHS referrals.

A retired YOS reparation mentor successfully maintained two bee hives, which enabled us to produce our first harvest of 5 litres of Hawbush Honey. The beekeeper also donates money from any sales from honey and the by-products of the bees.

Various groups of volunteers have provided manual support to projects on site, and garden management to several local families.

We saw an increase in volunteer numbers during this year, with approximately 155 volunteers providing 7450 volunteering hours. This is a significant increase to 2019 and 2020, and reflects an improved awareness of the health and wellbeing benefits of gardening and "green" outdoor activity.

The Trustees confirm they have regard to the Public Benefit as issued by Charity Commission

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Volunteers provide manual labour on a daily basis (weather permitting) to maintain the gardens, and to assist with events and activities held on site, or in the local community. Additional volunteers provide support through the administration of the charity

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

A variety of groups provide support services to the local community including;

- Connect Project; Helping adults with mental health issues
- Workshop 24: Social art /gardening Group, created the "sheltering from the storm" which has benefitted many of our other groups. This group organised a series of open days to allow participants to share their work.
- Integrated Plus, provides activities for socially prescribed referrals 2 sessions per week
- Ecko Collective, works in hand with Integrated Plus
- Strong links with Brierley Hill Project remain. Our collaboration continues to provide volunteer opportunities
- Princes Trust; team of 8 young people carried out projects around the site.
- Amblecote Christian Centre organised and managed the Family Events.
- High Oak Youth and Community Centre providing support in a number of on/off site projects

With generous donations from Wickes Community Funds, our volunteer groups have carried out works to replace loft insulation, to improve comfort to those using the community room, particularly during winter months.

High Oak Youth Volunteers helped to improve the pond area, and ex Princes Trust volunteers improved drainage where discharged spring water was causing problems on site.

We assisted Dudley Gymnastics Club by clearing the area for their new venue and plans in progress to secure funding to develop an attractive green space.

Volunteers from Integrated Plus carried out refurbishment of the community room, and toilet. Work is also now being proposed to upgrade the kitchen that will allow us to offer a 'Community Café' along with the ability to provide catering for activities on site.

Volunteers have assisted Dudley Housing Dept with two particularly vulnerable families whose gardens had become overgrown and faced enforcement action. Feedback from the Housing Manager explained how the improvements had lifted stress, anxiety and depression from the families and there was a positive impact to all the family, particularly the children who were able to access the garden space.

Work was also carried out on two other gardens following direct contract from the families.

We continued to support the Black Country Foodbank with 110kgs potatoes, 58kg tomatoes, 41kg cucumbers and 9 kg of misc vegetables. Additional produce was also provided to local families or community groups.

Maintained links with Brierley Hill Community Forum, contributing to the Brierley Hill Heritage Event, covering local history and heritage of the Brierley Hill area.

Our most exciting and welcome achievement was being awarded the QAVS award, although the announcement of the award was held back until 02.06.2022, the anniversary of the Queen's coronation. This award is achieved by the dedication and commitment of all our volunteers, and from the support give to us by the local community.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity holds no further reserves

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Principal sources of funding have been raised through hire of facilities and donations. These funds help to sustain the availability of facilities for the benefit of the community.

Allotment Fees
Donations
Grants
Hire Charges

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>K.A. Smith</i> 04/10/22	<i>M. Betteridge</i> 11/9/22
Full name(s)	Ken Smith	Michelle Betteridge
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	04/10/22	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01.01.21	To	31.12.21
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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					
Plot fees	940	-	-	940	-
sales	95	-	-	95	-
Donations	3,207	-	-	3,207	-
Room Hire	450	-	-	450	-
Sundry	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,692	-	-	4,692	3,443
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,692	-	-	4,692	3,443
A3 Payments					
Maintenance	648	-	-	648	-
Gardens	1,430	153	-	1,583	-
Utilities	596	-	-	596	-
Charges	5	-	-	5	-
Sundry	9	-	-	9	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,688	153	-	2,841	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,688	153	-	2,841	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,004	- 153	-	1,851	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	3,443	-
Cash funds this year end	2,004	- 153	-	5,294	-

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	Bank	5,294	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,294	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Agreement Error Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Agreement Error Restricted funds to nearest £	OK Endowment funds to nearest £

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>K.A. Smith</i>	KEN SMITH	04-10-22
<i>M. Betteridge</i>	MICHELLE BETTERIDGE	11-9-22

HAWBUSH COMMUNITY GARDENS

England & Wales - Charity number 1170413

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2020		31	12	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	KEN SMITH	Chair		
2	MICHELLE BETTERIDGE	Secretary/Treasurer		
3	TREVOR COUNLEY			
4	SERENA CRAIGIE			
5	DAVID HADLEY			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	CIO - Foundation
	Appointed by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
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CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.
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The pandemic impacted on many of our group activities in the early stages of lockdown. With careful management we have been able to introduce various activities back to site.

We now have two areas of allotments, which remained full throughout 2020. These have provided a safe environment for local families and individuals during the lockdown period.

The Family Afternoon event took place as usual in February and was very well attended. All subsequent family events were cancelled due to the potential large number of attendees.

Despite the schools closure, the AHDB potato growing project (GYOP) initiated by the school gardening club, was completed in June, with the help of one of the club members, who assisted with the harvesting. This allowed crop yields to be assessed and the results submitted to the AHDB project organisers.

A range of outside organisations hold their own group sessions at the gardens, including Connect Project (Top Church Training), Social Art group (Workshop24), and leaders and mentors from Dudley Youth Offenders Service.

Community support has continued to be provided to local families (on a limited basis), via Social Services or other agencies (BHP), through garden clearance & maintenance.

Completed 'Big Butterfly Count' highlighting the importance of Hawbush as a site for regional conservation and environmental protection.

Initial work was undertaken, in early winter 2020, for improvement and restoration of our pond. This involved re-profiling, replacement of pond lining and directing a spring water source to maintain water level and water quality. This is important work (to be completed in 2021) to sustain a large population of frogs and newts and associated birds and insects.

There is now a fully equipped workshop on site which allows us to produce a range of woodwork including raised planters, and furniture. These have been made available to local residents as well as improvements to the site.

The Trustees confirm they have regard to the Public Benefit as issued by Charity Commission

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Volunteers provide manual labour on a daily basis (weather permitting) to maintain the gardens and to assist with events and activities held on site, or in the local community. Additional volunteers provide support through the administration of the charity

In total we had 58 volunteers on site during 2020 (excluding trustees) contributing a total 3960 volunteer hours.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

School Engagement: Gardening club sessions provided for Year 6 primary school children, supported by a volunteer from local secondary school as part of her DofE award. Site visits and activity sessions provided for a small cohort of additional needs children (SEMH unit at Hawbush Primary School) excluded from local schools. All suspended, beyond March, due to school closures.

Youth Offenders: Carried out general maintenance in community rooms, and on site. Completed 'Litter Pick' in local woodland area later used by Maple Tree special needs children. One mentor has also established two bee hives in the Orchard and we now have a stable colony, which provides additional training opportunities to young offenders.

Connect Project: Helping adults with mental health issues.

Social Art Group: Addressing social isolation/loneliness. They have constructed a sheltered area to allow meetings to continue safely, outside and even into the winter months.

Support for local families and individuals: Working with Brierley Hill Project (NHP) and Social Services to provide practical support to local families. Individuals referred by BHP benefit from site visits as volunteers or as occasional visits to enjoy the space and gardens environment.

Brierley Hill Community Forum: Now an active member supporting development and improvement to local High St and the area, including plans for Brierley Hill 'Heritage Open Day' 2021, in which Hawbush Gardens will feature

Black Country Foodbank: Providing fruit and vegetable to foodbank, or local families. In 2020, donations included 200kg potatoes, 49kg apples, 34kg tomatoes and 27kg cucumbers.

Voluntary Sector Innovation Fund: Providing opportunity to link with other community groups. Limited progress due to covid.

Other Links:

- Discussions have taken place with local centre providing services for adults with multiple learning disabilities.
- Enquiries from a local healthcare provider (Dudley CVS Integrated Plus) for assisting with NHS referrals.
- Enquiries from a local project with the deaf community.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Principal sources of funding have been raised through hire of facilities and donations. These funds help to sustain the availability of facilities for the benefit of the community.

Allotment Fees
Donations
Grants
Hire Charges

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)	<i>M. Betteridge</i>	<i>K.A. Smith</i>
	Full name(s)	MICHELLE BETTERIDGE	KENNETH AUSTIN SMITH
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	CHAIR OF TRUSTEES
	Date	12/10/2021	11/10/21



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
HAWBUSH COMMUNITY GARDENS

No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.01.2020	To	Period end date 31.12.2020
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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					
PLOT FEES	457	-	-	457	-
SALES	30	-	-	30	-
DONATIONS	470	-	-	470	-
ROOM HIRE	125	-	-	125	-
SUNDRY	12	-	-	12	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,094	-	-	1,094	5,631
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,094	-	-	1,094	5,631
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
MAINTENANCE	315	701	-	1,016	-
GARDENS	485	790	-	1,275	-
UTILITIES	951	-	-	951	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,751	1,491	-	3,242	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,751	1,491	-	3,242	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 657	- 1,491	-	- 2,148	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	1,644	-	5,631	-
Cash funds this year end	- 657	153	-	3,483	-

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	BANK	3,330	153	-
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		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,330	153	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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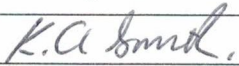

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
	CABIN/WORKSHOP (2019)	RESTRICTED	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	KEN SMITH	11/10/21
	MICHELLE BETTERIDGE	12/10/21