



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Hawbush Community Gardens
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1170413
Charity's principal address	BULL STREET, BRIERLEY HILL, WEST MIDLANDS
Postcode	DY5 3NQ

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			
6	TIM GALLIER			
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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 (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

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)

<p>CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Completed 'Big Butterfly Count' highlighting the importance of Hawbush as a site for regional conservation and environmental protection.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Trustees confirm they have regard to the Public Benefit as issued by Charity Commission</p>

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

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.


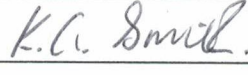
Principal sources of funding have been raised through hire of facilities and donations. These funds help to sustain the availability of facilities for the benefit of the community.

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)		
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)
1170413

Receipts and payments accounts

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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	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,330	153	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
	CABIN/WORKSHOP (2019)	RESTRICTED	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	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
<i>K.A. Smith</i>	KEN SMITH	11/10/21
<i>M. Betteridge</i>	MICHELLE BETTERIDGE	12/10/21