



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

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

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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(If any)

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	-	-
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	Total cash funds	5,294	-	-

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-

	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

K.A. Smith
M. Betteridge

KEN SMITH
MICHELLE BETTERIDGE

04-10-22
11-9-22